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The Crusade Of The Americas Biggest Effort Ever Planned By Baptists

By Jim Newton

The Crusade of the Americas, which may involve as many as 25 million Baptists in 28 or more countries of North, Central, and South America through 1969, may well become the largest united evangelistic effort Baptists have ever undertaken.

No one yet knows for sure how many Baptists in the Western Hemisphere ultimately will participate in the Crusade, but it seems certain it will be conducted Baptist style—big!

The Crusade is an evangelistic effort that will involve Baptists of the entire American hemisphere, beginning with a year of preparation in 1967, a year of work and witness in 1968, climaxing with a year of proclamation in 1969, and concluding with a year of follow-through efforts in 1970.

Already, Baptists in 28 countries in the Western Hemisphere have indicated a desire to participate in the Crusade. By 1969 leaders hope at least 25 million Baptists will be included.

As described elsewhere in this information packet, the idea for the Crusade started when Brazilian Baptists conducted a two-year national evangelistic campaign ending in 1965. During the campaign, there were 100,000 professions of faith reported among Baptist churches with a total membership of only 250,000. Three hundred new churches were established. At the Brazilian Baptist Convention in January, 1965, Rubens Lopes

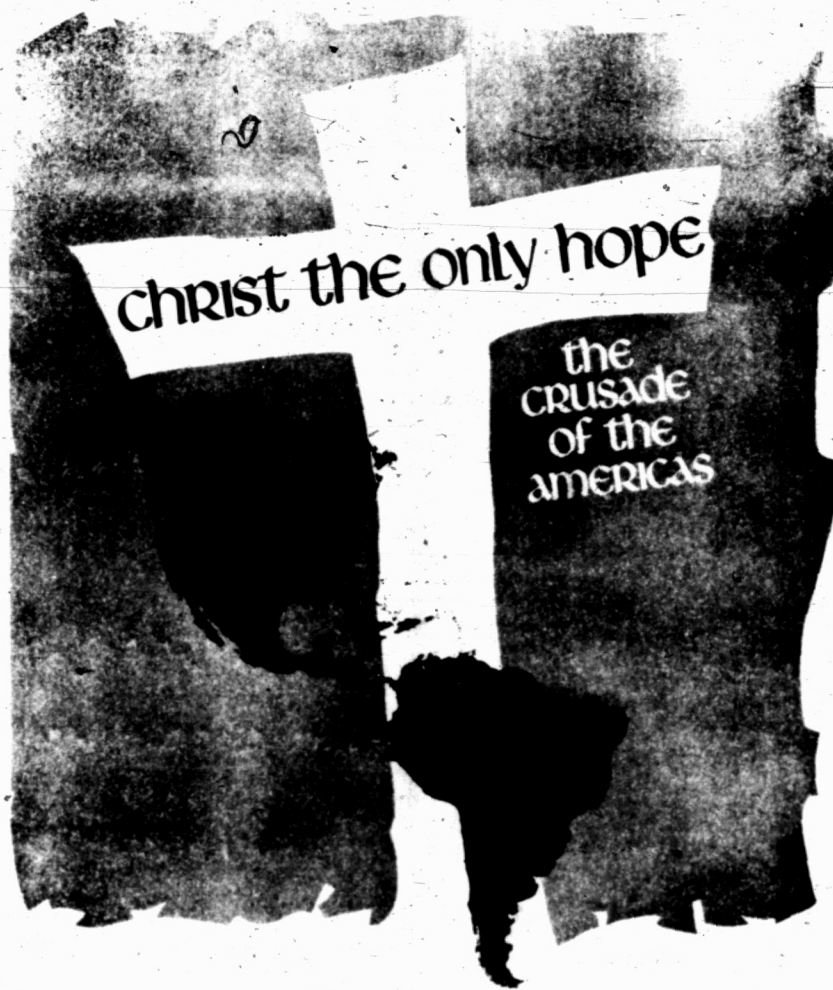
of the First Baptist Church of Sao Paulo, Brazil, issued a challenge for Baptists to conduct a Crusade for all the Americas.

Lopes, thrilled with the possibilities, flew to the United States in June, 1965, and presented the challenge to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas. A few weeks later he made the same challenge at the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach.

Meanwhile, Southern Baptists seemed to be challenged by the idea. At the Dallas convention a resolution was adopted encouraging the SBC Foreign and Home Mission Boards to "study Crusade possibilities with the Baptist leadership in the countries involved."

In September of 1965, the SBC Executive Committee voted to approve participation in the Crusade, assigned the task of planning for the SBC part in the Crusade to the Home Mission Board (division of evangelism) and authorized appointment of a six-member

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CRUSADE OF THE CENTURY

(AN EDITORIAL)

Southern Baptists have faced many challenging programs during the twentieth century, but surely none has had the potential of the "Crusade of the Americas."

Undoubtedly the mightiest united endeavor of the Southern Baptist Convention thus far in this century was the Seventy-Five Million Campaign.

Other outstanding denominational efforts were the debt paying campaigns after the "great depression"; the simultaneous revivals of the early 50's; the "Million More in '54" Sunday School enlargement drive; and the "30,000 campaign" held in connection with Baptist Jubilee Advance in the early 60's.

All of these were momentous efforts by the denomination and the churches, and brought spiritual victories, rich blessing and growth.

None of them, however, can be compared with the "Crusade of the Americas."

This is a two-continent effort, uniting millions of Baptists, in 38 denominational groups, in many countries, in one great witnessing program.

The central purpose is evangelism. The plan is to give the mightiest witness to salvation through Jesus Christ, that ever has been given by any Christian group on these two continents.

This will unite more Baptists in evangelism than ever before in Christian history.

The Crusade calls for more praying than Baptists ever have shared in before.

It calls for more training in Christian witnessing and personal soul winning, than ever has been done by any denominational group.

It demands more concern and more united effort than Baptists ever before have been asked to give.

Every resource that participating Baptists have: their churches, their denominational organizations, their agencies, their institutions, and every individual member is needed in this Christian witness.

We must not fail in this mighty endeavor.

Churches should use this entire year 1968 in getting ready. They should carefully consider the many preparation suggestions being made by the Crusade leadership groups, and should set programs of their own, as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Holy Spirit must be given control in every church and in every heart. His wisdom and power and leadership is an absolute necessity, if this Crusade accomplishes what He wants it to do.

Churches should pray, and pray, and pray, that revival fires may begin to burn, not only during special revival meeting periods, but throughout the Crusade.

Members must be enlisted and trained for Christian witness. Every pastor, every deacon, every Sunday school and Training Union worker, and every other organizational leader, along with the rank and file of the membership, must be challenged with the meaning of the Crusade, and must be enlisted for active participation.

Churches must join with other churches, and with the denomination, in reaching beyond their doors in Christian witness. New missions must be started, new churches organized, and the whole mission program enlarged. Crusade plans call for all of this.

This well could be a turning point in Southern Baptist history. For several

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I Want To Be Fully Involved In This!

By Chester L. Quarles
Exec. Sec.-Treas.

Frankly I am asked in one way or another to be involved in that I want to have no part in whatsoever. Reluctantly I go along with some other requests.

I may be guilty of dragging my feet on some. But here is something that has me excited! I want to be a part of this. Please God, I will be! This is an opportunity of a life time.

I mean the "Crusade of the Americas." This is one of the most significant movements of our day.

Most of us have heard how the whole idea started in a simultaneous "revival" campaign in Sao Paulo, Brazil (the first they ever had) and then burst into greater flame in a nation-wide campaign that recorded a leap of 100,000 new converts. Starting with 250,000 members this was indeed a high percentage gain.

So the flame has spread: A fire will go out unless the flames spread. And so the fire spreads to various parts of the world. The Crusade of Americas is on the way.

Christian Action Workshops Set

A Spring series of associational Christian Action Workshops and Family Life Conferences has been planned by the Christian Action Commission, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director.

The first in the series of workshops will be held at First Church in Meridian Jan. 8. This workshop, to be held from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. will feature alcohol

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Real Hope Of America

The real hope for America is a great sweeping purifying revival. Our whole structure is shaky and needs to be firmly fixed on The Rock.

I am going to be a part of the Crusade. My church will have an active part in it. Our state convention has already voted to have a real part in it.

How about you? You're invited. You're needed. You're wanted. Let's all get in it. All the way—lock, stock and barrel!

Come on. Let's go!

JANUARY IS WILL-MAKING MONTH

January is "Make Your Will Month," according to Rev. Carey E. Cox, the new executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

"The making of a Christian will is the special emphasis of the Foundation for January, and we feel that is a vital part of Christian stewardship," Mr. Cox said.

In discussing "will making month" a few weeks ago Dr. Harry Lee Spencer who retired as Foundation secretary on Jan. 1, declared:

"The first part is our giving while we live and the Bible portion is the tithe. The Bible tells us that the tithe is the Lord's and is holy unto the Lord and should be brought into His storehouse."

"The second part of Christian stewardship is what we keep for which we are accountable."

"The third part of Christian stewardship is what we leave and to be sure we are going to leave it all. Therefore, the only possible way we can discharge our responsibility in this regard is by a prop-

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Changing, Leader Says

NASHVILLE (BP) — The program planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee said here that the Southern Baptist Convention is in the midst of change, shifting from a "come-church" to a "go-church."

Albert McClellan, who helps coordinate the long-range plans of the 11 million member convention, made the observations in a speech to more than 600 professional staff members of Baptist state conventions and Southern Baptist agencies meeting here.

McClellan said he was convinced that in this change, "the Holy Spirit is forging a new dynamic for the future, a dynamic centers in the congregation as the ministry servant of Christ both inside and outside the walls."

"This new dynamic will not emphasize the gathered worshiping and educating church any less, but it will emphasize the witnessing, ministering and applying church more," he said. "It will be a shift from the come-church to the go-church."

McClellan told the Baptist workers that change is inevitable as a part of history, and pointed out numerous changes in society which have had a bearing on Christianity.

Included as key changes were such things as the population explosion with half of the present 200 million under 26 years of age; the fantastic shift in where and how man

lives, the change in the influence of the family and its effect on children; the growing emphasis on the scientific method which subtly replaces faith as a way of life, the new education, new economy, new ethics, new theology, new morality, the increase of leisure time, increased mobility, and new communication and learning processes.

"What happens to us if we don't change as everything changes around us?" McClellan asked of the church leaders.

Using as an example the extinction of the dinosaur, McClellan said that if any organization or program does not change with its environment, it disappears. "This does not mean that the organization must become like its environment, only that it remains viable as the situation shifts."

McClellan pointed out that the Southern Baptist Convention is changing, slowly, but it is changing. He pointed out 35 specific ways in which the SBC has experienced change.

"We have developed a new kind of SBC program leader—deeply thoughtful and studious, very cooperative, one who does his work by plan and not by emergencies prompted by the morning's mail."

"We have taken SBC planning of program actions off a rule of thumb, morning mail basis and put it on a systematic basis," he added.

"We have sounded the

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Mississippi Baptists And The Crusade

By L. Gordon Sansing
Director Of Evangelism

It is imperative that every lost soul in Mississippi be confronted with Christ as the only hope. We must do our part in witnessing to every unsaved person in our state. This Crusade is the greatest evangelistic opportunity and challenge Baptists have ever experienced. Our goal is for every Mississippi Baptist to become involved.

Among the early steps in the Crusade of the Americas is Soul-Winning Commitment

Day and Hemispheric Day of Prayer for the Crusade on Sunday, January 14, 1968. Every pastor and every church is urged to give special attention to this vital ministry.

We must put forth the supreme effort. It will require nothing less than complete and total commitment on the part of each of us if God is going to be able to bring the social and spiritual transformation that such a revival must bring.

We urge every pastor to lead every church into active involvement. The success of the Crusade of the Americas Christian revival for the work of our Lord, and salvation for men out of Christ will be resolved in the local church. Rallies—no matter how large or successful, advertising campaigns—no matter how extensive, will not spell out real success in the sight of God. The needs of the local congregation and its resources ought to be enlisted for maximum impact.

The calendar of activities can, we believe, be used of God to bring revival to our churches. These plans, though not new must be freshened by the breath of God upon them. This breath of God cannot be programmed. His presence and power are dependent on the degree of our commitment to Jesus Christ, the depth of our willingness to surrender to the Holy Spirit's leadership, and the desire of our hearts to be His instruments of revival.

We strongly recommend that pastors study the Evangelism Plan Book for helpful suggestions for church participation and spiritual preparation.

Christ is the only hope!

Congress Passes Laws Relating To Religion

WASHINGTON (BP)—Two bills of special church interest were enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives during the frantic last days before adjournment of the first session of the 90th Congress.

A judicial review rider was eliminated from the education bill and compulsory participation in Social Security by ministers was approved.

The Senate earlier almost unanimously attached the judicial review bill as a rider to the Elementary and Secondary Education Amendment Act of 1967. In the conference committee between the Senate and House this rider was killed. Hence it was not brought to a vote in the House.

In the extensive Social Security Amendments Bill, a modified provision was included making participation by

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Religion In Review For 1967

By Norman B. Rohrer, Director
EP News Service

The history of 1967 has flung its last shadow into eternity and the writing of God's finger in the world of men for another year is cast in retrospect.

This was the year DNA yielded to the scientist and gave him "life in a test tube"—a man-made virus which Caltech and Stanford scientists Dr. Robert L. Sinsheimer and Dr. Arthur Kornberg said is biologically active, reproducing.

Population in America and the world continued to outrace predictions of the gloomiest pessimists, casting on society millions of unplanned and unwanted individuals it cannot properly feed, clothe or edu-

cate. An authority on agriculture predicted global austerity in food by 1975 unless drastic steps were taken to tap earth's more abundant resources.

In Baltimore, three "peace demonstrators" objecting to the war in Vietnam poured their own blood into files of the local draft board; in Boston, Unitarian and Universalist students lit their draft cards at the altar flame while thousands marched on the Pentagon in frustrated rage against the war whose issues they struggled to appraise.

The year saw attitudes turn sharply toward acceptance of homosexuals. As the British House of Commons voted 99 to 14 to repeal criminal penalties for homosexual conduct

by men over 21. Episcopal clergy in New York urged "moral neutrality" toward homosexuals—even saw good in the act, provided it fostered a "permanent love relationship."

The debut of an abortion pill raised moral problems, as did "rights of informed individuals to die" and the "new morality" toward sexual behavior which some noted was creating mental ailments among youth—especially college girls who broke down under the stresses of liberalized dormitory rules. The U. S. Supreme Court voted 7 to 2 permitting sale of a long list of "girlie" magazines without recrimination and Congress put aside legislation moving five national holidays to the nearest Monday to offer longer week end

leisure.

The gospel according to hip-love grew apace as the mini-skirted and bearded introduced "love ins" at the park and tried "megahalucinogens," the brave new mind bender in the psychedelic arsenal. "Hippie" was formally buried in Haight-Ashbury but the LSD cult was compared favorably with early Christianity and Anton Lavey, "first priest of the Satanic Church" of San Francisco performed marriages invoking the blessing of the devil in the midst of candles stuck in human skulls while a nude woman draped herself on the altar.

Some 200 "fish groups" sprang up across the nation for the single purpose of catching fish.

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Biggest Effort Ever

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SBC committee to serve on the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade and to correlate SBC plans.

Wayne Dehoney, then president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was appointed chairman of the SBC Crusade of the Americas Committee.

In March, 1966, the North American Baptist Fellowship, composed of six Baptist bodies in North America, voted unanimously to endorse the Crusade and encourage all member bodies in North America to participate.

The SBC held its meeting in Detroit in June, 1966, and launched its participation in the Crusade in an inspiring service, before the Convention's closing night crowd.

In July, 1966, the Crusade Central Coordinating Committee held its first meeting in Cali, Colombia. The Committee was officially organized with one representative from each participating Baptist convention with less than 300,000 members and six representatives for the SBC and three for the Brazilian convention.

From this larger Central Coordinating Committee, a 12-member Directory Council (executive committee) was elected, with Lopes as president. Southern Baptist Layman Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., was elected second vice president and named to head a committee to involve lay participation in the Crusade.

Coordination

Seven staff members of the Crusade were named: General Coordinator Henry Earl Peacock, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil; and six regional coordinators, four of them Southern Baptists or SBC missionaries. Wayne Dehoney was named North American regional coordinator.

At the Cali meeting a tentative budget of \$94,000 was adopted, the slogan or theme for the Crusade, "Christ, the Only Hope," was adopted. A "Cali Declaration" that sets forth the purposes of the Crusade was drawn up. In addition, an invitation was extended to all Baptists in the Americas to join the Crusade.

In October, 1966, the Crusade's calendar committee, a sub-committee of the Central Coordinating Committee, met in Miami Beach and drafted a tentative schedule of events which was approved by the December, 1966, meeting of the Directory Council in Mexico City.

In November, 1966, the American Baptist Convention's General Council voted against official participation in the Crusade on a nationwide basis, deciding instead to emphasize its Christian Faith and Work Plan of Sunday Church School curriculum during the 1969-71 period.

Despite organizational and national differences the plans continue to grow toward making the Crusade, the biggest evangelistic attempt Baptists have ever undertaken.

The SBC Executive Committee in February, 1967, passed a recommendation urging all Southern Baptist Convention agencies and all Baptist state conventions, associations and churches to "participate to the fullest possible extent" in the Crusade. The Executive Committee also commended the SBC agencies and the Inter-Agency Council for extensive planning for the Crusade.

The Executive Committee urged the agencies of the SBC to intertwine the emphasis of the Crusade of the Americas with the already approved denomination-wide emphasis on the theme, "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission through Evangelism and World Missions" planned for 1968-69.

Each agency of the SBC has responded by mapping extensive long-range plans for the Crusade of the Americas, and Southern Baptist participation in the Crusade.

Home Mission Board

The Home Mission Board division of evangelism is charged with the major responsibility for outlining SBC plans for a national scale. Headed by C. E. Autrey, the division has worked with other SBC agencies in coordinating the Crusade plans and developed suggestions for Southern Baptist churches.

Heart of the division's plans is a detailed calendar of activities proposed for a local Baptist church's participation in the Crusade.

The de-failed calendar is in the evangelism division's 1968-69 "Evangelism Plan Book" which is included in this information packet.

The plans begin with 1967 and lead up to the Crusade revivals in 1969. The procedures suggested by the division include:

A vote by each church to participate in the Crusade of the Americas; set dates for the church revivals as part of the Crusade; enlist evangelists; pray; secure church "prayer partners" with churches in other countries or pioneer areas; participate in all of the denominational meetings emphasizing the Crusade; and in short, use the SBC 1968-69 Evangelism Plan Book which outlines the details of the calendar of activities.

The Home Mission Board has also initiated "Project 500" to establish 500 new church-type missions in strategically-located sites in areas where SBC work has been started since 1940.

Estimated total cost of Project 500 is \$25 million. The Home Mission Board has set aside \$400,000 for 1968 and \$500,000 for 1969, and will make available \$1 million each year for church sites. In addition, \$1 million in 1968 and \$1½ million in 1969 will be made available from the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions for the project. The Home Mission Board's church loans division will offer loans for the purchase of church sites and erection of buildings.

Woman's Missionary Union

The SBC Woman's Missionary Union through Project PACT will marshal prayer support for the Crusade. WMU will seek to match interested Southern Baptists with women in other countries or other North American Baptist bodies as prayer partners. Prayer retreats for women will also be promoted, as will the record \$5½ million 1968 goal and \$6½ million 1969 goal for the Annie Armstrong offering. WMU lesson materials will also emphasize the Crusade, especially in November and December of 1968 and March of 1969.



LIFE OF CHRIST ON TV—NEW YORK—This is the Last Supper as depicted in an hour-long color special on the life of Christ to be televised by NBC on Jan. 7. Entitled "The Vine," the program was produced by NBC in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission. The \$100,000 production was first telecast in March over more than 100 stations. (RNS Photo)

ber and December of 1968 and March of 1969.

Brotherhood

The SBC Brotherhood Commission has planned to urge prayer support among men and boys for the Crusade, to enlist men to participate in starting the 500 new churches of "Project 500," to arrange for men and boys to have prayer partners with churches and Christians in other countries, to enlist men to participate in revivals in pioneer SBC areas, to promote use of laymen and boys in witnessing efforts, and to promote attendance of laymen at a hemisphere-wide laymen's convocation in Rio de Janeiro in 1968.

The total curriculum of the Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood, the Sunday School, the Training Union and church music programs will undergird the Crusade of the Americas during 1968-69.

During this period, the church program organizations in local Baptist churches will be studying from quarterlies prepared by the SBC agencies emphasizing the Crusade in the lesson course outlines.

Sunday School Board

Training Union, for example, plans a unit on personal witnessing during the last three months of 1968.

Sunday School curriculum, likewise will emphasize the Crusade. In addition, the home Bible study guides and daily devotion guides produced by the Sunday School Board will also emphasize scriptures and prayer thoughts that undergird the Crusade.

Never before in the denomination's history will the total curriculum of the Southern Baptist Convention undergird a project like the crusade of the Americas.

The Church Program Guidebook, produced by the SBC Sunday School Board's church administration department as a guide to local Baptist churches for planning their year's programs, will also emphasize the Crusade of the Americas.

One entire section in the Guidebook is devoted to the Crusade, with seven pages of suggestions. The guidebook offers seven broad suggested actions a church can take as part of the Crusade, and with these seven areas are 42 ideas for participating in the Crusade, with accompanying suggested resource information and suggested assignment to church leadership.

Special Plans

Meanwhile, the other SBC agencies are intensively planning what they will do as part of the Crusade. Almost every key event in the denomination in 1968-69 will support in some way this evangelism effort in the Western Hemisphere.

Included in the plans are such items as:

—A special day of prayer for the Crusade on Jan. 14, 1968, which also will be a "Soul Winning Commitment Day" in SBC churches.

—Thirty-three state evangelism conferences throughout the SBC which will emphasize the Crusade, most of them in January of 1968.

—Sunday School witnessing campaigns in the spring of 1968, emphasizing the Crusade.

—A hemisphere-wide convocation for laymen to be held July 15-19, 1968, in Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo, Brazil, with Baptist laymen from all countries in the hemisphere participating.

—A meeting of the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade in Sao Paulo, July 12-13, 1968.

BWA Says Youth Meet Has Rooms

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist World Alliance here is seeking to squelch a rumor that all the rooms are taken for the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968.

There is still plenty of space available for young people wanting to attend the worldwide Baptist Conference, but they must apply no later than Feb. 1, according to an announcement by Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and secretary of its youth department.

Denny said that setting the early deadline was necessary "to squeeze the air out of the ballooning bag of requests" from tour directors for room accommodations in the Swiss capital.

Denny explained that there are 5,000 available beds in Berne hotels, dormitories and private homes, with 3,000 marked for North Americans, 1,500 for Europeans, and 500 for young people from the rest of the world.

A total of 123 tour directors from North America, however, have requested a total of 4,290 beds; but only 80 such tours have been allocated the 3,000 beds on a first-come, first-served basis.

Next to love, sympathy is the divinest passion of the human heart.

—A total of 1,000 associational Crusade of the Americas Rallies held in the SBC in September, 1968, merging the Sunday School Action Night programs with the Crusade rallies. Special programs will be promoted in 35 major metropolitan centers as major meetings. Total attendance goal for the 1,000 rallies is 100,000.

—A nation-wide emphasis on discovering Sunday School prospects as part of the Crusade in the summer of 1968.

—Another Day of Prayer for the Crusade and Soul Winning Commitment day on Jan. 12, 1969.

—Thirty-three annual state evangelism conferences, emphasizing the Crusade.

—Local church revivals as part of the Crusade, with two weeks of preaching on the recommended dates of March 16-30, April 6-20, and April 27-May 11, 1969.

—Area Crusades during the summer months following the 1969 spring revivals.



Dorman Laird

Carey Announces Appointment Of Student Director

Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of William Carey College, and Rev. J. Ralph Winders, Baptist Student Union Director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, have announced the appointment of Dorman Laird as the new Director of Religious Activities for William Carey College.

Laird, a 1961 graduate of William Carey, will be concluding his residence requirements for the Doctor of Theology degree from the New Orleans Seminary this year. He will assume his new position on June 1.

He is married to the former Henrietta Moore of Prichard, Alabama, also a former student at Carey. They have two children.

In September of 1961, Laird accepted his first pastorate and served Pigott's Crossing congregation for three years. He resigned in order to give full time to his graduate studies. He is originally from Tylertown.

Deadline Nears For Student Missions, US-2

ATLANTA (BP)—January 15 is the fast-approaching deadline for applications for both student summer missions and the US-2 ministries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

According to Don Hammonds, associate secretary of the department of special mission ministries, a total of 667 students will be appointed by the mission agency for 10 weeks of missionary service this summer.

An additional 150 will be appointed by state Baptist Student Unions, for an all-time high in excess of 800, compared to the 740 who served in 1967.



RIDGECREST Church, Jackson increased the 1968 Budget \$45,000 (27%) and oversubscribed the new \$193,000 record budget by \$15,400 (a total of \$208,400) in one Sunday. Ridgecrest has used the Forward Program every year since 1958. Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor, stands under name-plate of church.

New Laws Relate To Religion

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ministers mandatory with two exceptions.

The first exception is the minister who is a conscientious objector to participation in government insurance programs. On the other hand, excluded from participation are ministers or members of religious orders who have taken vows of poverty.

The \$3.6 billion Social Security bill finally approved by Congress carried a 13 per cent increase in benefits for 24 million Americans.

So comprehensive was the bill that the Senate proposed 295 amendments to the House version. Rep. Wilbur Mills (D., Ark.) chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, explained the complexity of the bill. He said, "This bill includes far too many matters to be discussed even within the one hour that we have."

Prior to this bill a minister could participate in Social Security as a self-employed person if he signed a waiver of exemption. Now he is required to participate unless he signs a waiver of participation on grounds of conscience. Obviously, a minister who has participated in a government insurance program cannot now claim "conscientious objection."

The death of the judicial review rider was the result of a number of factors, including a reported direct personal intervention by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Other elements include:

1. Opposition by the Roman Catholic hierarchy because they feared a cut off of certain aids that go to pupils in parochial schools;
2. Opposition by the Justice Department on grounds that authorization for judicial review of federal spending by individual taxpayers is unconstitutional;
3. Fear that such constitutional lawsuits would disrupt much of the current education program of the federal government and that old feuds between religious groups would break out anew; and
4. Opposition by an unidentified AFL-CIO lobbyist who joined others in trying to reduce the threat to the education program.

New Counseling Course Planned

The Religious Counseling Center of Mississippi, located in Jackson, has announced that on Tuesday, January 9th, it would begin its first nine-session Human Dividends Course which will be open to the general public.

Rev. A. Eugene Dyess, the Center's director, said, "The course will be of special help to persons who have a desire to improve marriage and family relationships, understand themselves and others better, and more satisfactorily adjust to their daily job."

"These areas are all dealt with because we believe all of life is a stewardship trust given us by God, and the Center was created to help individuals improve their use of this trust and help create happier persons."

According to the director, basic to the course is the use of a thorough personality analysis using The Birkman Method psychological test battery. Results of the test are run through a computer which weighs and balances 10,000 personality variables (both conscious and unconscious) and then types a personal letter packet to the individual. This information is broken down into eight major personality function areas, all of which are common to everyone at work, home, and play.

The class meetings will last from 7:00 until 9:00 each Tuesday evening with a "break" at the midpoint, and the first meeting will be used for administering the test. For further information contact the Center: Suite 512, The Woodland Hills Building, 3000 Old Canton Road, Jackson 39216 or phone the Center directly, 362-1156.

Mr. Dyess said that because of the non-profit orientation of the center the total cost of the course will be only \$45.00.

JANUARY IS MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH

For the sake of your loved ones and the causes of Christ dear to you make your will NOW

AN ENDLESS DIMENSION IN CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

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When You Need A Will It Is Too Late To Make One

State Departments Will Give Full Support To Crusade

Cooperative Missions

By Foy Rogers, Director

The Cooperative Missions Department is vitally interested in and ready to serve in any way possible to further the cause of Christ through the Crusade of the Americas.

During our Missionaries' Orientation Fellowship Meeting December 5-7, 1967 the missionaries indicated their 100% backing.

The Cooperative Missions Department is now offering, and will continue to offer, encouragement to both churches and associations in organizing new missions and churches wherever they are needed. We are suggesting that Fellowship Bible classes; institutional missions; services in industrial plants, jails, nursing homes, and fire stations, and other places where there is a need for a ministry should be started now.

Our department also offers assistance in surveying on the church, city, association, or areas basis.

The Church Development Ministry offers a very fine plan for discovering needs, planning ways to meet these needs, assigning responsibility, and checking on the work.

Rev. Leon Emery is helping both churches and associations in getting ready for the crusade through the use of the Church Development Ministry.

Therman Bryant is offering his services in assisting student pastors and others, as he is called upon, in their preparation for the crusade. He is also vigorously promoting Schools of Missions in all of the associations of our state, thus enlarging the vision of our people.

Rev. Jerry St. John is vitally involved in training teachers in the sign language, so as to reach the Deaf. He is also giving a strong emphasis to literacy missions and resort missions in our state.

It is the desire of all of us that language missions will be 100% in participation in the crusade.

The New Choctaw Association, with Rev. Dolton Haggan—General Missionary, assisted by Rev. Clay Gibson, — Moderator, Rev. Thomas Nicky — Choctaw Missionary, and Rev. Arthur Ben — State Board Member, will likely have all thirteen churches and two missions involved in the Crusade of the Americas.

The six Mexican Missions, with Rev. Benjamin Burgos as Missionary, will give a strong emphasis here. This will be done through Vacation Bible Schools, personal contacts, revivals, and a Youth Retreat.

The Chinese work in the various areas will be encouraged to participate.

Pastors in small churches will have opportunity to prepare for the Crusade through the Pastor-Missionary Retreat in April, associational missions emphasis, our Pastor-Deacon Retreats in September, and in other promotional emphases. Every church and mission in Mississippi should be involved in some way. We pledge our support and prayers, as we join with our Evangelism Director, Dr. Gordon Sansing, in getting behind this great endeavor.

Music

By Dan C. Hall, Director

Music can strengthen the evangelistic appeal and undergird the outreach of the church. Here are some things the church and association can do in 1968 and 1969 to undergird the "Crusade of the Americas" emphasis.

What the Church Music Ministry Can Do

1. Plan for the youth and adult choirs to participate in regular personal witnessing.
2. The music director can witness regularly.
3. Plan to have evangelistic music in the regular services.
4. Utilize a revival choir, soloists, special groups during the revival meeting.
5. Conduct some music "out-reach" projects by singing in shopping centers, institutions, and other churches.
6. Popularize Crusade song "Christ The Only Hope". Copies available from Baptist Book Store.

What the Associational Music Ministry Can Do

1. Organize an associational youth choir to sing at evangelistic rallies and other events.
2. Schedule and conduct an evangelistic music conference for pastors, music directors, and accompanists.
3. Conduct a music reading clinic to read through selected evangelistic music.
4. Promote a plan of churches sharing their musicians with other churches during revival meetings.
5. Schedule a school of music, emphasize building evangelistic services, and selecting and presenting evangelistic music.
6. Encourage every church to have a revival choir.

Training Union

By Kermit S. King, Director

When a church makes its own plans as part of its participation in the Crusade of the Americas every church organization will be assigned the specific responsibilities it is best suited to fulfill. Training Union will have a vital part in at least three areas.

1. As an organization with study opportunities. — In the on-going church member training program the curriculum in Intermediate, Young People, and Adult unions during the fourth quarter of 1968 and the first quarter of 1969 will be geared to this special evangelistic program. Dated units will be prepared in the area of (1) understanding the persons to whom we are to witness, (2) increasing insight into the truths to be communicated, and (3) improving skills in witnessing.

2. As the training agency for individual and church needs. One of the greatest needs during an evangelistic effort is to train those who will witness. Short-term terminal training projects should be planned for the period immediately prior to the church revival. Not one project—but enough different projects at enough different times to reach the greatest number of people. It may be the same training program but should be available when people can take advantage of it. If it were, for instance, a program of four sessions it could be offered during the Training Union hour for four weeks for some; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights of one week for others; Tuesday at noon for four weeks for business men; Saturday morning for four weeks for Intermediates and Young People; etc.

3. As a conservation program to involve in meaningful church membership those who are won to faith in Christ or who renew through rededication or recommitment their profession of faith.

Efforts should be made to enlist in a program of New Church Member Orientation all who align themselves with the church during this effort.

Church Member Training Week, 1969, will be planned around the theme, "Daring Discipleship." The suggestion is to have a "conservation week" one week following the Crusade of the Americas revival. New books are being prepared for this study.

The year 1969 will be ushered in by two tremendous inspirational and training efforts — a Youth Convention and a Leadership Convention, December 30-31, 1968. These are two completely separate programs to be conducted simultaneously in Jackson for adults and youth from all over the state. They will be climaxed with a Watch Night service featuring a call to commitment for the year of the Crusade of the Americas.

Sunday School

By Bryant M. Cummings, Director

The role of the Sunday School in the Crusade of the Americas will come out of a background of the three major functional tasks which have been assigned to most Sunday Schools in the churches. Teaching the biblical revelation, reaching prospects for the church and leading all church members to witness daily. The Sunday School will accept the responsibility in the following aspects of this denominational effort.

Lesson study curriculums for spiritual preparation. — The Sunday School lessons in the Life and Work and Uniform Curriculum for October - December, 1968 and January - March, 1969 will lend themselves to lesson ideas which will provide appropriate references to the Crusade. Devotional readings for 1969 and special weekly readings in Open Windows will center on various prayer objects of the various countries involved in the Crusade. The January Bible study book for 1969 will be "The Gospel in Isaiah" and will be prepared with the Crusade of the Americas in mind.

Nationwide search for prospects. — During July, August and early September of 1968 a strong effort will be given to locate and identify persons whose spiritual needs make them the responsibility of our churches' outreach, witnessing and revival efforts. Churches and Sunday-Schools will be encouraged to use the summer months of 1968 in locating persons who should be reached during the Crusade. Survey materials for conducting a prospect search will be advertised and promoted and these materials will be secured from the Baptist Book Store.

Crusade of the Americas Rallies. — The Mississippi Sunday School Department is recommending each Sunday School association organization plan to schedule an associational Crusade of the Americas rally in 1968 in the place of the annual Sunday School Action Night.

Readying the Sunday School organization. — Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week, September 23-27, 1968 is being designed and planned to prepare the Sunday School organization and leadership for implementing task which relate this organization to the total work of the church. A new book "The Sunday School At Work in 1968-69" will be available in June, 1968 and is designed for use by church and Sunday School leaders during Leadership Preparation Week as a preparatory step toward revival. The Church Growth Church Plan will be in use in an increasing number of churches by October 1968. New Growth Plan guidance materials will be available in May of 1968 and can be secured by writing to Bryant Cummings, Box 530, in Jackson. The focus groups for the year 1968-69 will relate to the denominational emphasis. Efforts will be made to involve Sunday School classes in witnessing to prospects who are their responsibilities. Resources in the 1968-69 "Sunday School Superintendent's Package" will provide materials to support a reaching, teaching and witnessing Sunday School organization. This material will be available at the Baptist Book Store by May 15, 1968.

Using the Sunday School in personal witnessing. — Personal witnessing materials involving Sunday School officers, teachers and members in witnessing to the lost and unaffiliated have been developed and will be recommended for use in the churches some four to six weeks prior to revival in 1968. This plan calls for a careful study of prospects and a planned, cultivate effort to get acquainted with and effectively witness to these persons.

Associational Sunday School leadership should contact the state Sunday School Director to secure guidance materials and the names of qualified directors.

Basic Resource Folder Available July 1. — This folder will be developed by the Nashville Sunday School Department for use in conference periods of the associational Crusade of the Americas rallies. Material will be arranged as guidance for pastors, staff and church council members to use in planning and guiding the churches' Crusade preparation.

Student Work

By Ralph B. Winders, Director

will continue to be. One of the largest conferences of the recent Student Convention dealt with Campus Evangelism. The State Director of Evangelism will meet with the BSU Directors in their annual Staff Conference in January. Soul-winning clinics on local campuses will follow.

Directors and students will be praying for and participating in the crusades in the churches and special efforts will be made on the campuses.

The first statement in the Philosophy of Southern Baptist Student Work is: "The Christian witness of Southern Baptist work in all institutions of higher learning is in response to our Lord's command to make known the gospel to all men." The first objective is "To lead students and faculty members to commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord."

Students and student directors consider the Crusade of the Americas an unusual opportunity for involving themselves in their top priority — evangelism.



NASHVILLE — "ONE MORE SHOULD DO IT, if the whole stack doesn't fall," says W. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department of the Sunday School Board. The stack of 1,195 "Baptist Hymnals" represents the average daily sale of the volume since its introduction March 1, 1956. Almost five million of the hymnals, put on display for the Sunday School Board's observance of National Bible Week, never fell — but many young visitors to the Board wondered, "What would happen if" — BSSB Photo by Rob Jackson



CALL TO PRAYER FOR CRUSADE ISSUES: The officers of the steering committee coordinating North American plans for the Crusade of the Americas has issued a call to prayer, urging Baptists to observe Sunday, Jan. 14, 1968, as a day of prayer for the Crusade of the Americas. Wayne Dehoney (second from left), former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, is chairman of the steering committee and North American Coordinator for the Crusade of the Americas. Other officers are (left to right) Gordon Anderson of Chicago, vice chairman and home missions secretary for the Baptist General Conference; (Dehoney), Kenneth Kennedy, secretary and executive secretary of the General Association of General Baptists, Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Daniel Fuchs, treasurer, and associate general secretary of missions for the North American Baptist General Conference, Forest Park, Ill. (BP) Photo

Stewardship

By John Alexander, Director

Evangelism should be the ultimate objective of all we do as Christians. Nothing less is worthy of the time, effort, or resources of the people of God. The slogan, "Christ The Only Hope" merits the support of every Mississippi Baptist.

The personnel of the Stewardship Department are delighted to pledge their prayers, promotion, and preaching to help make the Crusade of the Americas an overwhelming success.

We raise money, but if the money raised is not used to bring men to God through Jesus Christ, our efforts have gone in vain.

We pledge to Gordon Sansing, his department, and to all Mississippi Baptists, our best efforts to help achieve a real revival in Mississippi.

We support the Crusade of the Americas and urge each of you to do the same.

Brotherhood

By E. L. Howell, Director

The Southern Baptist Convention has adopted "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions" as its emphasis for 1968-69. One major project within this year is the Crusade of the Americas.

The Brotherhood will pinpoint three major areas of preparation, commitment, and actions in the Crusade.

Suggested Brotherhood actions designed to involve Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men, and boys in the Crusade are as follows:

1. Men and boys in the churches will participate in the Hemispheric Day of Prayer on the second Sunday of January, 1968-70.
2. Enlist men to have a part in Project 500, starting a strategically located new church.
3. Men, young men, and boys of the church Brotherhood program will be challenged to work with their church in adopting a church or mission in another country.
4. Church and Associational Brotherhoods will assist in the enlistment of men to participate in pioneer crusades in co-operation with the Department of Evangelism.
5. Promote and commit men to attend the Laymen's Hemispheric meeting in Rio de Janeiro, 1968.

A schedule has been planned for periodicals to be used in promotion of the Crusade emphasis.

Woman's Missionary Union

By Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary

PACT is the term to be used for the Prayer Partners' Plan for the Crusade of the Americas. PACT, an international prayer partnership, will link men, women, young people, churches, and groups in intercession for the Crusade of the Americas.

Woman's Missionary Union will serve as coordinators for PACT. Persons desiring to participate need to secure an application form from WMU, SBC, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. The form is to be returned to WMU, where partners will be assigned.

The plan is to match persons with persons, churches with churches, families with families, and groups with groups. Individuals desiring PACT partners should be at least sixteen years old. Younger persons may participate with their families or church groups.

Insofar as possible Southern Baptist churches, families, groups, and individuals will have prayer partners from Latin America or from another North American convention or conference. If Southern Baptist participants outnumber others, it may be necessary for a Southern Baptist from one section of the country to have a partner from another section.

NEW DEAD SEA SCROLL INDICATES CHRISTIAN ROLE

JERUSALEM (EP)—Twenty years after the first discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947, a new scroll from Qumran implies a Christian role in the community.

The new text, scientists say, indicates that one group of followers of Jesus joined the Jewish community of Qumran shortly after the Crucifixion and influenced it to adopt some Christian doctrine.

The contents of the "temple scroll" were disclosed by Prof. Yigael Yadin, head of

Hebrew University's archaeological department, last week. He is quoted in Time magazine as stating the new scroll is "the longest so far discovered," but one also that may well prove to be the most important.

Unlike other parchments, which are either copies of Biblical texts or accounts of the history and practices of the Qumran community, the new scroll is a prophetic message, claiming to speak for God himself—a message, says Dr. Yadin, clearly intended by its author to be incorporated into the Bible.

Christian Action

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Other such workshops will major on drug abuse, pornography or general interpretation of one or more of the seven programs assigned to the Commission. The workshops scheduled are as follows:

Jan. 17 — Monroe Association — "First Church, Aberdeen, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Jan. 18 — Alcorn — Calvary, Corinth, 3:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Jan. 19 — Carroll-Montgomery, Carrollton, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 20 — Yazoo City, First (W.M.U. sponsored), 10:00 a.m. (drug abuse); March 9 — Jeff Davis — breakfast meeting of pastors; March 18 — Riverside Association at Lyon for pastors; April 15 — Southwest Pastors' Conference.

Dr. Hensley said that topics to be treated would include "Effect of Moderate Drinking," "Law Enforcement Problems in Mississippi," "What the Schools are Supposed to Teach About Alcohol," "Glue Sniffing," and "Pep Pills."

Films, lectures, tracts and question-answer periods are used, with emphasis upon both Bible principles and scientific facts, Dr. Hensley said.

The first Family Life Conference is scheduled for First Church, Waynesboro, Jan. 28-31 with others to follow:

Feb. 11-13 — Jasper Bay Springs and Heidelberg; April 21-24 — Scott-Forest, First; April 28-May 1 — Gulf Coast Association; May 5-8 — Warren-Vicksburg, First and May 12-15 — Tishomingo-Luka.

These conferences are tailored to meet the family needs in the community with emphasis upon selected interest groups rather than "mass meetings," Dr. Hensley added.

Several churches in Mississippi are planning such conferences and a very comprehensive program has been scheduled for Grenada-Yalobusha by Rev. L. D. Wall, superintendent of missions, for March 3-6 at Coffeeville.

January Will

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erly drawn Christian will. "You have said, 'Yes, I am going to make a will,' but be careful you can put it off so easily until it is too late. Two people we know about have done that recently."

"If you do not make a will the state will make one for you and your estate will be administered by the court according to law with no regard for what your wishes might have been. The Foundation would be happy indeed to be of any help we may if you should desire us to do so."

"A will is a legal instrument and should be drawn by a competent lawyer. The Foundation has an attorney but if you should have an attorney, it would be better to have him draw your will."

"If you should desire to make the Foundation the beneficiary of your estate or a substantial part of your estate, the Foundation will pay your attorney's fee for the preparation of your will."

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Crusade Of The Century

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years the convention has been disturbed because advance had slowed down, and in some areas, even had stopped. This Crusade could start the convention moving again.

It could do more to bring new Christian outreach and Christian action than a thousand campaigns of other kinds.

Evangelism is the heart of the New Testament commission. It has been the lifeblood of Baptist work. Southern Baptists respond more readily to evangelism than to any other program; yet evangelism, properly directed, can accomplish or bring advance in all other areas of work the Lord has commissioned us to do.

This is the Crusade of the Century!

Let every Mississippi Baptist, every Southern Baptist, yes, all Baptists of every participating group on these two continents, become concerned, become burdened, become involved, now!

The time to begin praying and preparing is today!

A Look At The Old Year

It is 1968. The old year is gone, and already our thoughts and concerns center on plans and programs of the new year. Nevertheless, it may be wise to stop briefly and look back over the year just gone. Events of 1967 will affect us in 1968, and some of the problems grappled with then most certainly are continuing into the new year.

Let us, then, take a quick look at religion in general, then at Southern Baptists, and finally at our own Mississippi work.

General

Numerous events in the secular world affected religion in 1967. This was especially true in the area of the "dove-hawk" conflict on Viet Nam, in the rapid urbanization of America and in the moral problems which plagued the nation. The latter included new morality, sex, alcohol, narcotics, rebellion of youth (hippies, etc.), crime, etc. All of these raised serious issues for Christian groups. Ecumenism seemed to make some gains during the year, although it is not advancing as fast as its proponents desire. Lib-

eralism appeared to be in control in several major denominations although conservatives still are a major force in American protestantism. Moreover, it appeared that the rank and file of the people, are not yet ready to accept liberal-theological ideas which reject the basic teachings of the Bible. The continued effectiveness of the Billy Graham crusades is one proof of this.

Nationalism in some other lands created serious problems for foreign mission boards, yet ways are being found in most areas for this great program of Christian witness to continue. Evangelical groups continue to expand their mission programs, while liberal groups apparently are retracting theirs, or changing their emphasis. . . . Buddhism, Islam and other non-Christian religions continue to grow creating new problems for Christianity. . . . The population explosion continues, causing Christianity to become even more a minority religion in the world. . . . Racial problems continued to beset America, creating havoc in many places, principally in the large cities. Black Power groups appear to be growing, creating a widening gap in race relations in the nation. No easy solution is in sight. . . . Roman Catholicism continued to reveal changes, many of which were hailed by the ecumenists. However, a close look, reveals that while Rome is much more open in her relationships with non-Catholics, she is not relinquishing her basic doctrines and practices. Her teachings on salvation, the Pope, Mary, the Church, etc., will continue to separate her from most other Christians. . . . Social action appears to be replacing evangelism as the major emphasis of some denominations.

Southern Baptists

The major issue in Southern Baptist life in 1967 was Christian education, although a new emphasis on social action was in close second place. Educational problems were faced in almost every state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention sought answers to the whole issue. The Baptist Education Study Task group, comprised of hundreds of Southern Baptist leaders, appointed two years previously, released its report during the summer. No satisfactory solutions to the problems were found by the group, although it helped reveal more clearly the aims of Baptist Christian education, and principles for maintaining it. The report also revealed how sharp is the division among Southern Baptists on the issue of accepting federal support. It appears that most Baptists, however, do not want the institutions to accept such support. Financial problems still create difficulties for almost all of the institutions. Among the states, Kentucky released one of its institutions, and Maryland voted to halt its plans for starting a school. Other states continued to study the problems, while the institutions struggled with finances. . . . Social action received a new emphasis in the SBC. Organizations and agencies of the convention began to give new support to this program during the

year. Proponents say that they do not favor displacing evangelism, as some denominations apparently have done, but rather wish to supplement evangelism and missions with the new emphasis. They call for involvement in issues of race, poverty, sex, narcotics, crime, delinquency, etc. It is probable that the churches will become more "involved" in the issues, but will not allow them to displace traditional evangelism approaches.

SBC membership probably passed 11,000,000 during the year, and gains were made in missions and stewardship. Apparently organizational growth and evangelism have not made marked increases, if any, although the actual statistics will not be released for some weeks. Leaders are concerned about this failure to make gains, and important meetings were held during the year to make new plans. Hundreds of leaders gathered in such a meeting in Nashville in December to set new programs. . . . Ecumenism was not a major issue for Southern Baptists in 1967, although there were calls for closer cooperation with other evangelicals in the field of evangelism and other Christian witness. The Home Mission Board was asked by the Executive Committee to explore such cooperation.

During the year final plans for the "Crusade of the Americas" were released and the Crusade began to catch fire across the convention. Many feel that this may well be one of the greatest efforts in Christian witness ever attempted, and that it can be the beginning of a new upward turn in Southern Baptist advance. Of course, this will be true only if Baptists meet God's conditions, and revival really sweeps the American continents.

Mississippi Baptists

The major issue confronting Mississippi Baptists in 1967 was Christian education. Finding adequate support for the educational program was the concern of almost every Baptist in the state. The convention received a report from its Long Range Committee on Christian Education, but took no positive steps toward a final solution of the problems. Institutions report the beginning of another good year of work, but nothing can hide the fact that serious financial crisis still lies ahead.

The Convention Board's new building in Jackson, was nearing completion as the year ended, and should be ready for occupancy in early Spring. This should greatly enhance the work of all departments as it provides needed space. . . . The convention received the largest support of its history, and set its largest budget for the new year. The Stewardship Department of the Convention Board enlarged its program during 1967, and more and more churches are using its programs for teaching stewardship. . . . All institutions and agencies appear to be in splendid condition as 1968 begins, and leaders believe that this well may be the finest year of Mississippi Baptist history. The spirit of the recent convention gave promise of this.



Education Commission, SBC

President Elvis Starn (Indiana University) says, "We are in danger of pricing public education out of the reach of thousands of able men and women."

The cost to colleges themselves for educating a student has gone up in the past decade by 52 percent for private colleges and 20.3 percent for public institutions in the last ten years.

The total cost for the student at an average private college has soared 42 percent; at a public college, 30 percent.

By comparison, the cost of living in general increased 19.4 percent in the same ten years.

The government estimates that in the next ten years, the number of college students will increase four times faster than the national population.

Garven Hudgins (AP)

The main trouble with teenagers these days is, not so much keeping them apart as telling them, apart.

Midland (Canada)
Free Press Herald

In 1967 will be reaped by its people in 1968. In an effort to trim \$700 million from the current \$12 billion postal deficit, Congress passed heavy increases in postage which may mark the end of some struggling religious periodicals. Evangelicals regretted the demise of The Sunday School Times (bought in May by Union Gospel Press of Cleveland, Ohio) which had been published in Philadelphia for more than a century.

President Johnson affirmed his faith in God at the 14th annual presidential prayer breakfast in Washington, D.C. He said in facing tormenting choices, "none of us can ever be certain that we are right."

Will this year see the treaty in Vietnam? Will our room-size world lend to its inhabitants the freedom and dignity in the Saviour that God intended? Will refreshing movements of God's Spirit be stifled or released through the actions of the church? Will Christ appear in glory?

Before history again triumphs over time and the sands of another year all run through the glass, let us learn from the lessons of 1967 at the doorway of 1968.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 8—J. W. Brister, supt. of missions, Gulf Coast; Nell Lee, Baptist Book Store.

January 9—Glo Townsend, staff, Children's Village; Jewel Knapp, staff, Wm. Carey College.

January 10—Mrs. Aurelia Hollis, Blue Mountain College faculty; Mrs. Mary Holyfield, assistant director, Gilroy School of Nursing.

January 11—Herbert Valentine, staff, Clarke College; Mrs. Freda Turner, staff, Clarke College.

January 12—Joe Abrams, Baptist Building; Mrs. Jean Gullette, Baptist Building.

January 13—Kathryn Bearden, Baptist student director, Gilroy School of Nursing; Harold St. Gemme, Baptist student director, Hinds County.

January 14—Mary Berner, Mississippi College faculty; Martha Bigelow, Mississippi College faculty.

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SBC Changing

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grass roots and found that they are demanding some new approaches," he observed.

Many New Approaches

"We have provided many new and innovating approaches for helping the churches develop and improve their programs," he added.

McClellan also pointed to such changes as establishing a convention purpose, pinpoint 90 SBC programs, identifying the basic functions of a church, establishing church program organizations which exist to build the church, establishing a coordinating committee to prevent overlap.

McClellan also listed 28 things he feels that the SBC must do in the future. Included were such suggestions as: "We must . . . do the hard prayerful work of finding exactly how we are to be involved in the cutting edge of modern life."

"We must study very hard to understand modern man and his social environment."

"We must move heroically forward as prophets, not as hirelings, to methods, but as servants of God who have a word to share with the world. The method must not become the gospel."

"We must be open to God's leading to help us find a new 20th century dynamic. The rural frontier dynamic of the 1800's is gone. In Christ we must find the new city dynamic of the new century."

"We must not go overboard in abandoning all of the traditions of the past."

"We must make more understandable that change in methods does not alter the fundamental nature and objectives of the churches."

"We must stop thinking that platform communications alone will really effect necessary changes in the churches and their leaders. . . . We must introduce dialogue as a teaching method."

"We must do a better job of projecting our cause upon the world so that they can see our Lord Jesus Christ, not merely our process."

"We must still learn to do



THERE WILL BE A GRAND OPENING for God's work in 1968 if we enter it with joy and full force. "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." Psalm 65:11. Home Board Photo.

The Baptist Forum

THE HOUR HAS COME

Dear Dr. Odle,

W. Levon Moore of Pontotoc rendered an important service to Mississippi Baptists in the writing of his article "Just How Much Longer?"

Thank you for publishing it.

There have been times when I too have been bewildered, perplexed, and frustrated by our Convention's unwillingness to grapple with major problems with the end in view of finding a genuine Christian solution. As Dr. Moore indicated, in most years we have "buried" the issue or report because of largely irrelevant discussion. By burying the Long Range Study Committee report we showed an immaturity that bordered on a lack of courage. The committee worked too long and diligently to have their report dealt with so casually.

Just suppose the writers of the "Constitution of the United States" or our Baptist forefathers when informed that some people would not like what they were doing adopted some innocuous substitute motion or a consensus doctrinal statement. We would not have the constitution nor the correct doctrinal position we have today.

Let us say in answer to Dr. Moore's question "How long before God, the hour has now come. We will examine a report on its merits and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit vote our convictions the next time a matter arises."

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pose of "helping neighbors in need," but crime in the U.S. peaked at 48 per cent above the figure six years earlier and syndicates raked in nearly \$7 billion on commissions.

While the editor of Christian Herald magazine said Negro-white relationships were at their lowest level in 10 years, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board commissioned its first Negro missionary in the 84 years of its existence.

Mothers and the Knights of Columbus agreed to cooperate in "moral, civic and social action fields."

Riots in Milwaukee and Detroit drew the support of clergymen who called for a "Black Moses" to lead the colored to dignity and freedom. All hospitals receiving federal aid were ordered to desegregate their blood supplies at once.

Pollsters announced that 68 per cent of the American people believe in heaven, but that only 54 per cent are persuaded of the reality of hell. Sixty-five per cent of the victims of fatal-traffic accidents were said to have put the "quart" before the "horse." One out of every two U. S. homes has guns and people, said the surveys, seemed to be unhappy in good times.

Secular prophets called for a "voice outside our controlled environment" to criticize a society making tremendous effort to bring everything and everybody into conformity with its massive one-dimensional life.

Somewhere along the edge of an ancient African lake, the eye of a paleontologist spotted this year a piece of bone which allegedly makes man 2.5 million years old—800,000 years older than previously calculated. Seldom had so few drawn so many conclusions from such little evidence about so long a time on such a great issue!

The body of a man in Los Angeles, of his request, was frozen by the Cryonics Society with the hope that when science finds a cure for his illness he can be thawed, revived and healed.

The Church

The body of believers tried to provide that voice but was weakened by declining adherents and influence. The Gallup Poll found that 57 per cent of the Americans polled saw the church as losing its influence on American life. Ten years

earlier, only 14 per cent felt that way.

Thirty-two major church-state school "aid" cases were before the courts at mid-year point and tension mounted as parochial schools fought for the federal buck.

For the first time, church and synagogue membership gains in the U. S. (actually based on statistics garnered in 1965) failed to keep up with proportional population growth. In Stockholm, Bishop Odd Hagen calculated that if the current rate of population growth versus church growth continues, only nine per cent of the world's population will call itself Christian by 2000 A. D. "In many ways," he said, "we are defeated already."

Methodists laid plans to build a sanctuary on the campus of Notre Dame and Lutherans celebrated the 450th anniversary of the Reformation with Roman Catholics; the Consultation on Church Union bogged down over issues on how to organize the 10-denomination unit and the church in Russia, surviving 50 years under Communism, continued to evangelize openly and through the Nicodemus route. Presbyterians made official the "Confession of 1967" at their 170th general assembly in Portland, Oregon and the Southern Baptist Convention approved a \$26.7 million budget.

The median salary of ministers stood at \$5,914 this year, up \$885 over the average for the past five years. A symposium of noted theologians termed heaven "95 per cent mythology."

While the church was pressed to involve itself in social issues, a leading Protestant ecumenist predicted in Palo Alto, California that it will lose "tremendous numbers" as it so involves itself in the coming years. "Tight money" kept church construction down.

Plans were made by Catholics and Protestants for cooperation in distributing the Scriptures through United Bible Societies.

Missions

The outreach of the church was curbed this year in India when governmental factions tried to oust missionaries in its northeastern part. The church benefited in South Vietnam, said the head of the Evangelical Free church, by staying aloof from the political conflict there. . . . was hampered in Spain by a new law requiring non-Catholics to

register. . . showed vigorous leadership on college campuses through dynamic witness. . . and set its number of world-wide Protestant missionaries at 43,000.

There were this year 400,000 radio receivers around the world to pick up gospel broadcasts and the American Bible Society announced that its "Good News for Modern Man" biblical translation topped the two million sales figure.

The missionary's role was seen as changing, though not diminishing. Specialists fell into step with national workers. Stiff laws in Israel—even before the week-long war in mid-year smashed Arab military opposition and the borders dividing Jerusalem—increased difficulties for evangelical missionaries in the land.

Education

Lawsuits questioning the constitutionality of federal aid to education were the order of the day. New York estimated it would need \$636 million more annually to absorb the 644,000 parochial and private school students into state schools.

Port Credit, Ontario was host to Richmond College (opened in September), "Canada's Wheaton," and Evangelist Oral Roberts dedicated Oral Roberts University in Tulsa and announced plans for a \$150 million university for Latin America in Santiago, Chile. Dr. Billy Graham had expected to announce before Christmas his intention to build "a great Christian university such as Harvard, Dartmouth or Brown." However, the world's best known champion of the evangelical faith fell victim at year's end to his 11th bout with pneumonia and cancelled all engagements well into the new year.

The Minneapolis Board of Education abolished baccalaureates and other religious services in the city's public schools. Teachers of elementary pupils were advised in a new Harvard social studies text book to urge their students not to discuss at home what they are taught in school.

Senator Everett M. Dirksen joined by 43 Senators, introduced an ill-fated bill seeking to amend the Constitution to restore the right of corporate prayer in public schools while the 90th Congress introduced a variety of other bills on religion.

Prologue for 1968

What the government sowed

Involvement Of Laymen Is Urged For Crusade

By Owen Cooper
Yazoo City

The early Christian church was characterized by the zeal of its members — all members — to witness, to proclaim, to preach, to teach, and to give testimony of their new found relationship to God through Jesus Christ. The scripture says that these men "could but tell the things that they had seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), and that they "went everywhere witnessing" (Acts 8:4; and that certain of them (laymen) from Crete went to Antioch and preached the Word (Acts 11:20); and that "Philip (a layman) went to Samaria and preached, and that there was great joy in that city" (Acts 8:5,8). It is little wonder that these compulsive Christians caused the early church to increase rapidly in numbers, to change lives, to become a dominant spiritual force in the world, and to even topple empires.

Unfortunately, the Christian church today is not characterized with equal zeal. Witnessing has largely been forsaken by the laymen. In some instances it has been turned over to the professional evangelists by the minister, and, tragically, in some instances abandoned altogether.

The great need of the church today is not for more buildings, not for larger church staffs, not for a more profound understanding of the theology, not for more missionaries, but the truly great need of Christianity today is for lay members to become totally involved in the Christianity they profess. This will include more than witnessing, but it will include witnessing. Total involvement will include personal dedication, improve the practical application of Christianity, in the home, in the business, in the social community, and in the government arena; but, it also involves witnessing.

In an unique way the Crusade of the Americas will provide an unusual opportunity for laymen of all Baptist Conventions of the Western Hemisphere to become involved in a great plan and scheduled program of Christian witnessing. This is not to be a spontaneous activity but one that is carefully planned. The year of 1967 is dedicated to promotion; the year 1968 to preparation; the year of 1969 to realization; and the year of 1970 to conservation.

In country after country and in convention after convention in the Western Hemisphere, careful plans are being made for the largest simultaneous evangelistic (witnessing) campaign in the history of Christendom. The pastors, the evangelists, and the missionaries cannot do this job by themselves. For the worthy objectives of the Crusade of the Americas to be accomplished, untold thousands of laymen (men and women) must become involved in the Crusade.

"What Can I Do?" As a layman you appropriately ask the question, "What can I do?" This is a fair question and it is entitled to a specific answer. There follows a listing of some specific things that you can do as a layman to become involved in the Crusade of the Americas and to give your support toward assuring its success. Perhaps no layman can, will or should do all of these things, but there are some things that every layman can and should do.

Now for the specific suggestions:

1. Become thoroughly informed about the Crusade of the Americas, its origin, its objectives, and its plans. (Information on this can be secured from the Coordinator of each participating denomination.) Read about the Crusade in the denominational press and any other sources from which information might be available.
2. Pray for the Crusade. Pray daily, pray specifically for its success as a whole, its success in your church, the leaders of the Crusade, and above all, that the Holy Spirit shall empower all Crusade leaders and workers to proclaim with the fervor and effectiveness that Peter had at Pentecost.
3. Work with your pastor in seeing that your local church is involved in the Crusade, set a date for the Crusade revival, select an evangelist, and make all necessary preparation for a successful program in your local church.
4. Attend meetings called for the purpose of planning and promoting the Crusade of the Americas. This will include associational meetings, the state evangelism conferences, special meetings being called in all Conventions for the Crusade, the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress in Rio July 15-21, 1968, the Continental Congress of Evangelism to be held in Washington, D. C., October 30-31, 1968, and other such gatherings.
5. Work with your pastor, your men's organization, and other laymen in promoting a "Laymen's Retreat" which will devote itself primarily to prayer and preparation for the Crusade of the Americas both in the hearts of the laymen and their churches.

6. Become a part of Pact—secure a prayer partner in some foreign country and pray for mutual spiritual strength and empowerment of the Holy Spirit in connection with all phases of the Crusade of the Americas.

7. Lead your church to assist another local church or mission, or a church or mission elsewhere, to conduct a successful "revival campaign" in connection with the Crusade.

8. Volunteer to your pastor at least one day of your time for visitation and witnessing during the Crusade meeting in your church.

9. Volunteer to your pastor at least one day of your time to assist another church during its "revival meeting" by visiting the church and spending the day with another layman in visiting and witnessing.

10. Where practical see that all necessary literature, tracts, scripture portions, and testaments are provided for a successful Crusade campaign in a church or mission (domestic or foreign) that is not otherwise able to provide this necessary material.

11. Lead your church to send your pastor to preach a Crusade revival in a church or mission that may not be able to pay all or even a part of the travel or living expenses while preaching in a Crusade meeting.

12. If your church has a music director make him available without cost to some church which could not otherwise have a person leading music during their Crusade campaign.

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'Pact' Potential For Crusade Is Revealed

Woman's Missionary Union was requested by the SBC Denominational Emphasis Committee to organize for our convention a prayer partners project to support the Crusade of the Americas.

Though WMU took initiative in the plan, it is producing the materials, and is doing the staff work, the details have been developed in cooperation with the Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board and with Dr. Joe Underwood of the Foreign Mission Board.

Both mission boards are giving promotion to the project and contributing to the financial support of it. Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Woman's Missionary Union is director of the project.

We selected Pact for the name of the project. Dr. Underwood told us the word has good connotation in Spanish, Portuguese, and French. Through the fellowship of intercessory prayer we hope to link our churches, organizations in our churches, and individual members with other Baptists in North and Latin America.

We are attempting to involve not only WMU members in this project but all our people. Any Baptist adult may participate and certainly we would not refuse requests from young people.

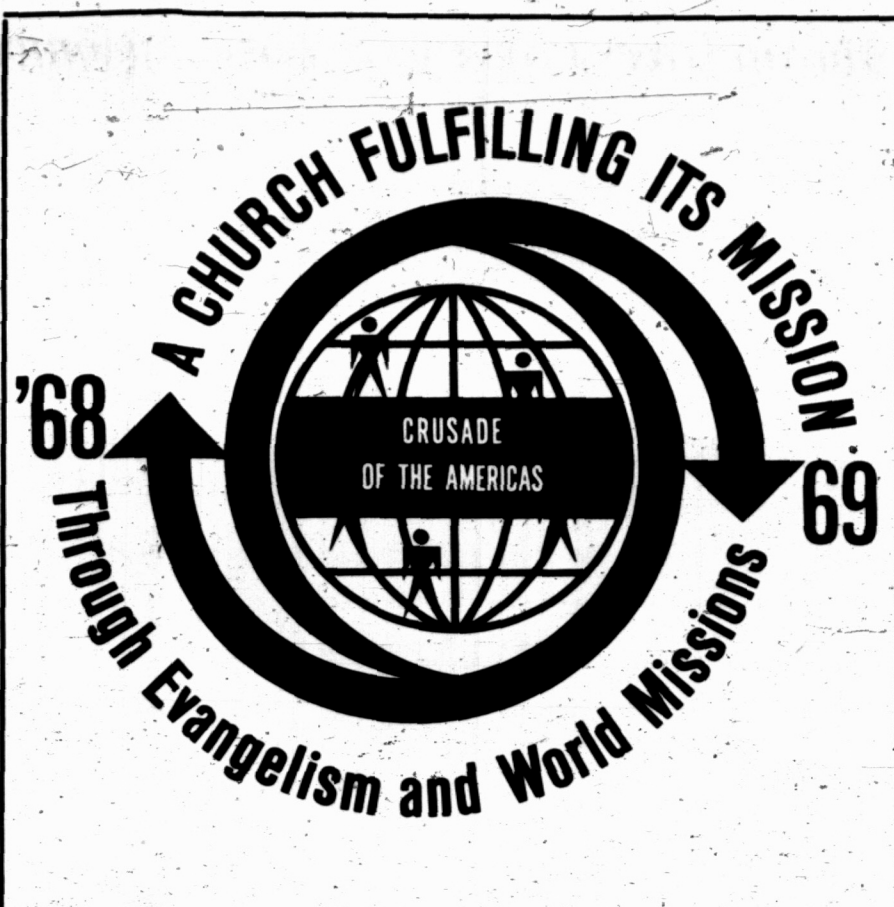
The plan is flexible: one person in our convention linked through a prayer agreement with one person in another convention; one church in our convention linked with one church of another convention; a group in one of our churches linked with a similar group in a church of another convention.

By group we mean a Sunday School class, a Baptist Men's group, a WMS, etc. So the plan has no limits to its breadth and at the same time it lends itself to being as personal as two individuals engaged in the new experience of praying together.

Plan Has Potential We believe the plan has potential for strengthening the evangelistic efforts on both continents. We believe it will plant seeds which will produce understanding and appreciation

and will enhance the spirit of fellowship among Baptists in North and Latin America.

A Pact flyer is being developed now for distribution in meetings during 1968—meetings in Southern Baptist territory—and by all other conventions responding to the invitation to participate in the plan. The flyer is to be produced in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.



Pastoral Leadership Is Key To Crusade Success

By J. L. Taylor, Pastor
First Church, Canton

The Crusade of the Americas is one of God's greatest opportunities for evangelism in the history of mankind. When one considers the millions of people it is designed to include in giving a witness for Christ and in receiving a witness for Christ it is staggering in its scope. This plan of God for this hour demands the local pastor's best interest and personal involvement. The Crusade of the Americas will succeed or fail because of the efforts of the pastors in the local churches.

In this realization, there are several things I plan to do as a pastor in giving myself to this great evangelistic effort. If I am going to inform the people I serve about the Crusade, I first need to study thoroughly all the information related to the Crusade. I find this periodically in the various types of literature—from the Sunday School Board, in the Baptist Record, and in the material sent to me from the Department of Evangelism of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. I have begun a file entitled "The Crusade

of the Americas" in order to keep close at hand the accumulation of up-to-date material. I believe that an informed person is an interested person and that an interested person is an involved person.

I plan to share with the people on a continuing basis facts about the Crusade. This will be done through the weekly mail-out, the Sunday bulletin, individual correspondence, films and filmstrips, personal conversation, and messages from the pulpit. I will direct their attention to articles about the Crusade in different publications. Enthusiastic participation from the congregation will be more caught from my own eager commitment than in any form in which I would simply seek to teach them.

Soul-winning Commitment Day will be more especially emphasized in our church in 1968 and 1969. We plan to involve our people in an evangelism clinic in our church and in the local association. A block of reservations has been made already for the Evangelistic conference at Gulfshore in February, and we are enlisting now people to attend. We have also begun to lead my people to prepare theirs in order that God may indeed "Hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land" from the southernmost tip of South America to the northernmost point of Canada—even "unto the uttermost part of the earth!"

Plans Will Work I believe the plans in the Evangelism Plan Books will work if we will work them. Consequently, I am going to

follow as closely as I can, with what ever adaptation is necessary, the proposed procedures. I believe God continues to use men and methods to lead the lost to Christ.

Personal witnessing will receive a greater emphasis in our church. Individuals will be enlisted and trained to make not only prospects for transfer of church letter visits, but also definite visits to confront a person with his need to accept Christ as his Saviour. Specific times for this visitation effort will be scheduled on our church calendar.

All of these plans and activities which I have suggested will become nothing more than "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" if we have not prayed for and received the power of God's Spirit in them all. Therefore, our prayer preparation will not be something thought of last or a "tacked on" task. Prayer is a vital, integral part of all we are doing in the Crusade of the Americas.

Someone has said that no revival ever came when the people were not prepared for it. I want to prepare my own heart for revival in the Crusade of the Americas. I want to lead my people to prepare theirs in order that God may indeed "Hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land" from the southernmost tip of South America to the northernmost point of Canada—even "unto the uttermost part of the earth!"

Japan Baptists Begin Vietnam Prayer Move

TOKYO, Japan (BP)—The Japan Baptist Convention has launched a prayer movement for world peace, especially peace in Vietnam, and has appealed to Baptists in America and around the world to join them.

In a letter to the Southern Baptist Convention, Japan Baptist Convention Executive Secretary Yoshikazu Makajima wrote that Japan Baptists are praying that the "growing war in Vietnam may end at once, and that the Vietnamese people's desire for peace may be quickly realized."

Saying that a prayer movement has already begun in Japan Baptist churches, the Japanese Baptist leader said: "We sincerely call on the Baptists of the world to join with us in this movement, so that together we might pray and work for world peace."

The letter also stated: "In spite of our desire for peace, our world is still the scene of conflict. War continues in Vietnam, and many soldiers and civilians are being killed or wounded.

"As fellow Asians, we are deeply grieved over this war. We fully realize our own responsibility for World War II,

but at the same time we affirm our conviction that war is evil and contrary to the will of God, for God desires that all people love one another.

"We further believe that true peace comes only from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and we accept the task of proclaiming the gospel of peace in today's rapidly-changing social order. We have resolved, therefore, to pray and work to the end that peace may be established soon."

In Nashville, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, H. Franklin Paschall, responded to the letter by replying that Southern Baptists are increasingly burdened about the Vietnam issue, and are already praying for an honorable peace as soon as it can be achieved.

Paschall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, added that mankind desperately needs peace in the world today, especially in Vietnam.

A year-long study of the blood-alcohol levels of pedestrians killed by autos in Illinois showed that 42 per cent of them had been drinking, says Dr. Norman S. Rose of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

State Men Named To Group

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Finance Committee for the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress has been announced by Maxey Jarman, Chairman. The Committee is composed of nine persons located within the United States. Mr. Jarman, business executive of Nashville, Tennessee, will serve as Chairman.

Other members of the Committee are: Ralph Hester, Jackson, Mississippi; Wallace Johnson, Memphis, Tennessee; Jack R. Jones, Arlington, Virginia; George Miller, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Mildred Roberts, Thomasville, Georgia; Guy Rutland, Jr., Decatur, Georgia; Fred Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio; William E. Uzzell, Columbus, Georgia. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Mississippi, will serve as Treasurer of the Committee.

The laymen's meeting at Rio de Janeiro will not be financed by funds from any Baptist Convention in the Western Hemisphere. The budget for the meeting will come from two sources: (1) a registration fee to be paid by the delegates from the United States and Canada, and (2) supplemental funds to be provided through the Financial Committee. The expenses for the meeting include travel costs for certain program personnel, rental for the 30,000 seating capacity Maracanazinho Stadium where nightly evangelistic meetings will be held, promotion material, and assistance to be provided for travel of key laymen from denominations throughout the Western Hemisphere who would otherwise be unable to attend the Congress.

Approximately 250 persons are being sought who will provide travel expenses for a person to attend the Congress who could not otherwise be present.

Jackson Church Opposes Sunday Fair Opening

The following resolution was adopted by Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, in business conference, Sunday, November 18, 1967.

WHEREAS, for the first time in history The Mississippi State Fair opened its business on Sunday in 1967, and

WHEREAS, Mississippi people are, for the most part, church-going, God-worshipping people, who do not approve of this desecration of the Lord's Day, and

WHEREAS, Baptist groups all over Mississippi have adopted resolutions and taken other actions condemning the opening of the Fair on Sunday, and

WHEREAS, the members of Parkway Baptist Church are deeply concerned over the trend toward disregard of the Lord's Day as a day of rest and worship, and said church sincerely desires that Mississippi keep its place in the forefront in our country as a moral and spiritual leader, and

WHEREAS, business and political leaders are responsible before God for their leadership of the people, especially where it affects the people's religious life and moral conduct,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The membership of Parkway Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi in business meeting assembled, does hereby express its disappointment at the Sunday operation of the 1967 State Fair, and does hereby urge and call upon the Mississippi State Fair Commission to schedule the dates for the State Fair for 1968 and thereafter so that it will not be open on Sunday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Parkway Baptist Church hereby calls upon the 1967 Mississippi Baptist Convention to pass a similar resolution expressing the Convention's concern over this important matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to local news media and to the Baptist Record.



Rev. William H. Ichter, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, directs Baptist leaders in singing "Christ the Only Hope," official hymn of the Crusade of the Americas. Music for the hymn was written by Mr. Ichter, under the pseudonym Nelson Mariane. Words (by Brazilian General Mario Barreto Franco) and music were written originally for the 1965 Brazilian Baptist evangelistic crusade. The song has now been adapted in Portuguese, Spanish, and English for the hemispheric Crusade of the Americas, and a French adaptation is to be made. Music has remained the same.

TROUBLE BREWS FOR ALCOHOLICS

In a study of 1,343 persons admitted to California alcoholic treatment centers from 1964 to 1967, and described recently by Rutgers scholar Berthold Brenner, it was found that these alcoholics were—

- 16 times as likely to die from accidental falls
- 30 times as likely to die from accidental poisoning
- 3 times as likely to die from other accidents
- 3.5 times as likely to commit suicide
- 10 times as likely to die from liver cirrhosis
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- 6.2 times as likely to die of influenza and pneumonia
- 4.4 times as likely to die of tuberculosis
- 1.8 times as likely to die of heart disease

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Martin Gives Preview Of Pastors' Conference Plans

Gerald Martin, president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, and pastor, Popular Avenue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, is pictured in the center as he was given a view of the site for the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference to meet in Houston, Texas, June 3-4, 1968. Lee Porter, right, moderator, Union Baptist Association, Houston, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Bellaire, and Don Berry, left, president, Union Baptist Pastors' Conference, pastor, Memorial Drive, Houston, gave Martin a personal tour of the 16,500 seat coliseum.

Martin shared with these



men some of his plans for the SBC Pastors' Conference program. He quoted M. E. Dodd, founder, on the purpose of the

evangelistic, doctrinal, practical.

In addition to fulfilling many requests for speakers who have been used through the years, Martin plans call for the use of some younger men who have never been heard on a Convention-wide program.

The 1968 Conference theme, "WORLD ENCOUNTER WITH GOOD NEWS", is to be undergirded by God's promise in Psalm 2:8: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

Man And Boy Rallies

We are planning four Man and Boy Rallies to come during the month of March with the first rally being held on the first day of March at Highland Baptist Church of Laurel. The second rally will be held on March 8 at First Baptist Church, Brookhaven. On March 15 the third rally will meet with the First Baptist Church of Greenwood. The fourth, and last, rally will be conducted in the East Heights Baptist Church of Tupelo on March 22.

The program begins with registration at 5:30 p. m. immediately followed by a brief general orientation meeting in the auditorium. The supper meal is scheduled for 6:10, and speaking of the meal, we of the Brotherhood Department would urge all Baptist Men, Baptist Young Men, Royal Ambassador Leaders, and boys planning to attend to please register through the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, 39205, by sending \$1 per person planning to take part in the evening meal. We are urging you to comply with this request in order that the host church may be able to make adequate preparation.

The program is so designed as to provide for fellowship, fun, food, and inspiration.

Names In The News

Dr. R. G. Lee, well-known Baptist leader and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered the 1967 Gurney Evangelism Lectures at New Orleans Seminary December 12-15.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson, Sr., missionaries to Brazil, were scheduled to arrive in the States on December 15 for furlough. They may be addressed, c/o Dr. Ernest J. Johnson, 3795 Brookmeade St., Memphis, Tenn., 38127. Their daughter, Miss Virginia Johnson, is Mississippi's YWA director.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. C. Smith, missionaries to Jordan, may now be addressed at Box 5017, Amman, Jordan. Born in Silver Creek, Miss., he grew up in West Monroe, La.; she, the former Virginia Walker, was born and reared in Farmington, Mo. He was pastor of Como (Miss.) Baptist Church when they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961.

MC DEBATERS RATE SUPERIOR

Women debaters from Mississippi College captured an all superior rating at the recent East Central Forensic Meet Tournament held in Ada, Okla.

The female team, composed of Dianne Burgess of Leland, Bonnie Breedlove of Charleston, Carol Braswell of Gulfport, Gail Cope of Chipley, Fla., Laura Green of Florence, and Peggie Fowles of Amory, won the overall superior rating in competition with colleges and universities throughout the South and Southwest.



DR. ERNEST LESLIE CARLSON, professor of Old Testament, Biblical Backgrounds and Archaeology, retired, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, suffered a fatal heart attack in Fort Worth Tuesday morning, Dec. 12. He had retired Aug. 1, 1964, after 43 years of teaching at the seminary. A noted lecturer, author, traveler and photographer, Dr. Carlson's diaries show a wide and varied life since his birth in Chicago Oct. 14, 1893. Funeral services were conducted in Truett Auditorium at the seminary on Dec. 14.

MORGANTOWN DEACON DIES

The deacons of Morgantown Church, (Bobby O'Quinn, chairman), on the recent death of Henry Holder, passed resolutions of tribute of love and respect.

Mr. Holder has given himself to serve faithfully as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and Brotherhood officer, and attended Morgantown Church faithfully. The resolution states:

"His patience, quietness, wisdom, and foresight made him a likely confidante for both young and old. He always cooperated wholeheartedly with the entire church program."

Rev. Charles Hollifield is pastor of the Morgantown Church.

Miss Mary Louise Hobart, missionary on furlough from Tanzania, has moved from Houston, Miss., to Memphis, Tenn. (address: 315 N. Bellevue, Memphis, Tenn., 38105). Born in Caruthersville, Mo., she grew up in Greenville, Miss. She taught school in Mississippi and Arkansas before missionary appointment in 1959.

Mrs. Burke Murphy, college professor from Starkville, was one of the team members of "Christ Counts," a three-week Baptist "student" mission held recently in Kingston, Jamaica. "There are 500 Baptist students in institutions of higher learning in the Kingston area," says Missionary Dottson L. Mills.

Two William Carey College alumnae have been named to the 1967 listing of "Outstanding Young Women of America." Miss Marie Faircloth, a member of the graduating class of 1967, is currently serving as Director of the Young Woman's Auxiliary for the Oklahoma Baptist Convention of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Miss Alice Dominick, a member of the graduating class of 1961, originally from Gloster, Mississippi, is now serving as Assistant Director of Perring Child Care Center in Miami, Florida, a mission to children of migrant families.

TRIBUTE PAID H. R. NUNNERY, LATE DEACON

The deacons of Liberty Church, Liberty, have offered a resolution expressing their appreciation for Deacon Hugh R. Nunnery, who died last year.

Mr. Nunnery, born in Amite County August 7, 1903, was buried at Magnolia. On December 19, 1926, he married Mildred Richmond, who survives him.

He had been an active member of the Liberty Church since his youth, and a deacon since 1941. He was associated with his father and brother in the E. R. Nunnery Mercantile Company; at the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Amite County Bank.

The resolution stated that he "was truly a Christian gentleman, always active in the welfare of his church and community."

In addressing a letter in Japan the general detail is put first, the particulars afterwards. Thus: "Japan, Tokyo, Kojamiha (or whatever the ward may be), SUCH-AND-SUCH STREET, THE PARTICULAR NUMBER, Smith, John: Mister." Makes sense.

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	God Is Active
	How to Establish a Mission
	(Undated)
	The Meaning of Salvation
	Creative Christian Communication
	How to Become Involved in a Church Revival (Undated)

DEVOTIONAL

Christ, The Only Hope

By L. Gordon Samsing

"From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by order of God our Savior and Christ Jesus our hope"—1 Timothy 1:1 (Good News)

He is our only hope for salvation. "Salvation is to be found through Him alone; for there is no one else in all the world, whose name God has given to men, by whom we can be saved." Acts 4:12 (Good News) We have committed our lives to Jesus Christ and have experienced forgiveness of sin. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (A.V.) We found in Him new strength for living the Christ-centered life.

He is our hope for an example. God's Word tells us that He knew no sin. His was the sinless, perfect life. We are to look to him as our example in every decision and action. To look to other human beings is to experience disappointment—Look to Jesus. He is our only hope for a perfect example.

He is our only hope for victory. This was decided when Jesus came to grips with sin and death at the cross. Sin did its worst. He was buried but death and the grave could not contain Him. He arose from the grave and is alive again forevermore. Because He lives, we shall live also. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2 (A.V.) Someone has said, "I would rather lose in a cause that will ultimately win, than to win in a cause that will ultimately lose." In Jesus Christ we are on the winning side. He is our hope.

FUNDAMENTALISM ON LEFT DECRIED BY ABC LEADER

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (EP) — Dr. L. Doward McBain, president of the American Baptist Convention, urged members of his denomination to "reject fundamentalism on the left as we must reject it on the right."

The appeal was made in the November issue of Crusader, an American Baptist publication issued here, and referred specifically to what Dr. McBain called the determination of some to force the Convention into "a great new church which every well may be emerging on the American scene."

Dr. McBain said that a "new fundamentalism" is evident in some who "cherish the new ecumenism and want it consummated now." In the column in the monthly magazine, the convention president reviewed a "fundamentalist controversy" which in 1946 resulted in the withdrawal of approximately 1,000 congregations from the Church.

The fundamentalists of 1946, he said, "cherished and championed doctrines" and were lost to the denomination when there was a drive for creedal conformity.

"In the next few years many of our churches will be tempted," he continued, "to push our denomination, ironically enough, into a creedal position as offensive to some as the doctrinal statement presented years ago at Grand Rapids, Mich."

It was at Grand Rapids that the 1946 split occurred, resulting a year later in the formation of the Conservative Baptist Association of America. American Baptists must not lose their "stance in cooperative Christianity," Dr. McBain stated.

Leflore Minutes Get Rating Of "Outstanding"

The 1967 associational minutes for Leflore Association in Mississippi have been given a rating of "outstanding" in the Better Minutes Contest conducted by the Research and Statistics Department of

the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Martin L. Bradley, director of the department, said that "extremely valuable and vital service is being rendered by the clerk, Melvin L. Warren, as a Southern Baptist statistician and historian."

Mr. Warren is educational director of First Church, Greenwood.

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SOVIET CHURCH SURVIVES FIRST HALF CENTURY

By Norman B. Rohrer
Evangelical Press Assn.
"How is it possible," a puzzled Communist party leader in Byelorussia asked an American reporter, "that there are still believers among the younger generation?"

Everything in the Marxist texts attempts to demonstrate that as man's intellectual and scientific awareness grows, his need for faith in a "God

in the unfathomable beyond" should fade away.

"This is what ought to happen," a Soviet official hesitantly explained, "but I must admit it's doing it very slowly."

Reporter Peter Grose, in a story for The New York Times, declares that the first 50 years of Soviet struggle with religion add up to a case study of ideological failure. "It is the doctrine of atheism,

not faith in God, that is dying in Soviet Russia today," he says.

The churches in the Soviet era, Grose points out, have adapted, evolved, gone underground. Only a few have given up. Some have been persecuted to the point of extermination, others have flourished. Half a century of temporal pressures have produced schism and unity, spurious synods, and midnight

raids on ancient monasteries.

He sees in the mid-sixties an intricate police operation seeking to penetrate and control the church that could not be destroyed.

An atheist propagandist of the Ukraine wrote: "Today we are once more lulling our believers in our country have left the church and religion." "This is self-deception! Over a large part of the territory of

the Soviet Union there are no churches, no preachers, but there are believers. Cutting off access does not turn believers into atheists. On the contrary, it strengthens people's leanings toward religion and in addition embitters their hearts."

Many Soviet citizens do not feel like disclosing their convictions until they have reached their professional peak or retired on a pension. At that point, says Grose, they no longer care if officials see them going to church. It was his explanation of why congregations are filled with older people.

But the young are not without opinions in the matter. In a Moscow park, a seven-year-old boy was heard to ask, "Is there a God?" To which his slightly older playmate replied: "We Communists don't believe so, but of course maybe He does exist anyway."

There has never been a spring to follow a national spiritual winter." — Jess Moody.

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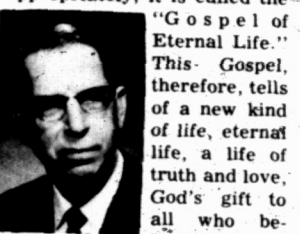
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The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON— LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—
The Word Became Flesh The Eternal Son Of God

By Clifton J. Allen
John 1:1-42; 20:30-31

We begin the new year with a study of the Gospel of John. Appropriately, it is called the "Gospel of Eternal Life."



This Gospel, therefore, tells of a new kind of life, eternal life, a life of truth and love, God's gift to all who believe in Christ as Lord and Saviour. It presents our fullest portrait of Jesus as both divine and human and presents the deepest insights we have into the nature of God and his love for a sinful race. It was written toward the end of the first century of the Christian era, quite likely by John the apostle or one of his followers who drew upon the apostle's personal and firsthand knowledge of the Saviour. Our lesson concentrates on the prologue, the introduction to the entire Gospel, and the author's purpose, to lead his readers to belief

in Jesus as the Son of God and to eternal life through faith in him.

The Lesson Explained

THE ETERNAL WORD (1:1-5)

In the beginning, really before the beginning of time, the Word was. This declares the eternal preexistence of Jesus Christ. A "word" in and of itself suggests an idea, an utterance, and a communication. But here the meaning goes much beyond that: it refers to a person — "the Word." The Word was with God, face to face, in a relationship of intimacy. He was very God, that is, in essence and nature he was God. He was the expression of the idea, the purpose, the thought, and the power of God. As the Word of God, he was the medium of creation or the Creator of all things. In other words, he was the agent of the Godhead in creation. The only true life is that which partakes of his life. This life is the source of light in human experience — the light of truth, the light of conscience, the light of the eternal being of God. And the light which has its source in Christ keeps on shining in the world. The darkness has never been able to overcome it.

THE HISTORIC MANIFESTATION (1:6-14)

John the Baptist was sent of God to bear witness to the Light or to prepare the hearts of men to believe in Christ as the Light of the world. The true Light was Christ; John was merely a witness to the Light coming into the world as the Son of God. Christ came into his own world, which he himself had created, but his own people — that is, the Jews generally — did not receive him. Even so, some persons did recognize him as the true Messiah and believed in him. All such persons became true children of God. They were born anew, not on the basis of race or physical strength or human impulse, but by the power of God. The human side was faith; the divine side was a new birth, a regeneration.

The fact of the historic manifestation of Jesus is declared again in verse 14. The eternal Word, the preexistent Christ, became a human being. God tabernacled among us.

THE SAVING PURPOSE (20:30-31)

These verses make clear the writer's purpose. He had reported representative signs or miracles wrought by Jesus during his ministry. Using the miracles which seemed essential, the writer sought to convince his readers that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of God," and to lead them to true faith that they "might have life through his name."

Truths to Live By

The eternal Word became the living Word. — This fact has the greatest meaning. The idea, the thought, the energy, the life, the goodness and truth of God, were all incarnate in Jesus Christ. This means that God wanted to be known fully and completely by all persons everywhere.

The coming of Christ was God's response to man's need. — First of all, man needed light; he needed truth. In the second place, man needed salvation; he needed the grace of God for the forgiveness of sins.

God's purpose for the world will prevail. — The incarnation of Christ was God's thrust of himself into the life of the world, to redeem the world. His covenant promise with Israel was being fulfilled; his purpose to redeem mankind from the curse of sin was being executed; his grace was being mediated to a fallen race.

By Bill Duncan
Hebrews 1

The key idea of the Book of Hebrews is that Jesus Christ was a perfect priest and a perfect sacrifice. The Jews and the world were looking for someone who could bring to God a sacrifice which once and for all opened the way of access to God. According to this letter, this is what Christ did. For those persons who are looking for a way to the reality of life and the access to God, they can find it in Jesus Christ.

The Full Revelation of the Father

The foundation of this section is that Jesus Christ alone brings to men the full revelation of God that enables men to enter into the very presence of God. The coming of Jesus was a new beginning in thought and revelation. The former revelations of God came through the prophets in many ways and many parts. The prophets had spoken a message relevant to their age, but the revelation of the prophets was limited because they could not reveal more

MIDWAY TO BUILD

Midway Church, Meridian, concluded their morning worship service December 10, with a groundbreaking ceremony. Virgil Watkins, Building Committee Chairman, turned the first shovelful of dirt, while others of the Committee (Mrs. Madie McNece, J. K. Thomas, J. D. Webb, Jr., and Charles Wright) and the congregation looked on.

A new colonial type sanctuary, designed by James W. McCleskey, Hattiesburg, will be erected on the site where the old sanctuary stood.

Additional educational space is being provided for the Beginner and Primary departments. This building will also house the office suite, rest-room facilities, and mechanical equipment.

Rev. William B. Webb is pastor.

The reported death rate from alcoholic disorders climbed from 5.5 per 100,000 in 1951 to 8.7 per 100,000 in 1964, latest year for which figures are available. Metropolitan Life Insurance statisticians report nearly 11,000 deaths in the U. S. that year attributable to drinking.



MISS JOSEPHINE D'ARPA, Assistant Professor of Voice in the Department of Music at William Carey College, has recently been informed that she was selected as one of the Outstanding Personalities of the South for 1967. In 1965 Miss D'Arpa was selected for inclusion in "Outstanding Young Women of America." She is a graduate of William Carey College and Southwestern Seminary.

than they or the people could understand. No prophet had grasped the whole truth. Jesus came as the whole truth that would speak to any age.

Jesus came and revealed God by being Himself. It was not so much what Jesus said and did that shows us what God is like; it is what he is. Jesus was the character of the very image and expression of God.

There are six facts given about Jesus Christ that show His greatness and why the revelation given by him is the highest. (1) Jesus is the original glory of God that is seen in suffering love. (2) The destined empire belongs to Jesus. (3) The creative action belongs to Jesus. (4) The sustaining power belongs to Jesus. (5) The redemptive work belongs to Jesus. (6) The mediating work belongs to Jesus in Heaven. Jesus is the shining glory of God while he was among men.

The Superiority of the Son

For the writer to take time to prove Jesus superiority over angels proves the place of thought that many had about angels. This idea grew strong out of the concept that God was farther and farther away and that he could not speak direct to man and angels bridged this gulf. The angels were looked upon as the heavenly family of God and were the servants of God. Although the doctrine of angels is very beautiful, it has one change, it puts a series of beings between man and God. In the Jewish thought the angels brought the message of God and carried back the prayers of man. In the New Testament faith there is no need for anyone else between God and man but Jesus who gives direct access to God. Jesus broke every barrier down and opened the way direct to God for us.

The passage gives seven proof texts in which Jesus is given a higher place than was ever given to angels. It appears some of these texts were chosen for convincing the readers without thought of context or application. When the early Christian found a text that contained the word son or Lord they very often applied it to Jesus, and as a result, many of these proof texts seem strange to us. (5a) Ps. 2:7 is given to show that no angel was ever so addressed and given status apart as the Son. (5b) II Sam. 7:14 is given to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of Nathan's promise to raise up out of David's house one who would bring restoration to the Kingdom. (6) Psa. 97:7 shows that the angels were called upon to pay allegiance to the heavenly Son of God at the time of his birth and manifestation. (7) Psa. 104:4 relates to the place of angels in the divine administration of the universe, in order to show that it is for inferior to the position of supremacy given to the Son. (8-9) Jesus is shown to be King whose Kingdom will know no end. The "fellows" is the same Greek word as partakers in 3:14, so fellows are not angels. (10-12) Psa. 102:25-27 Jesus is shown to be primarily responsible for the creation of the world. (13) Psa. 110:1 is used to show the King's enthronement carries with it the promise of victory over all the enemies, Jesus rules where the angels only stand in the presence of God.

As God had no greater messenger than his Son, He had no further message than his Son for man. The authority of the gospel was the authority of Jesus, the Son of God, supremely exalted by His Father.



H. BETHEA FIELDING has been called as Minister of Music in Calvary church, Meridian. He goes from Forest Hill Church, Jackson. Fielding is married to the former Sandra Coker of Philadelphia, Miss. He is the son of a Baptist minister, a native of Decatur, Alabama, and has had extensive service in the field of church music, having served in First Church, Piedmont, Alabama, and College Heights Church, Gadsden, Alabama. Rev. W. Otis Seal is Calvary pastor.



Rev. Mitchell Smith

BIG CREEK CALLS PASTOR

Big Creek Church, Wayne County has called Rev. Ronald Mitchell Smith as Pastor. He and his wife, the former Diane Williams, were welcomed to the Big Creek community December 3, and began their experience on December 10.



TIM RAYBORN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sedley Rayborn of Jayess, was licensed to the gospel ministry recently, in Jayess Church, Lawrence County. He is a freshman at William Carey College. Rev. Ben H. Davis, pastor at Jayess at the time of the special service, is now serving in West Point, Ga.



BILLY LEE McCREARY has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Mt. Pleasant Church, Holmes County, Rev. J. D. Johnson, pastor. A freshman at Clark College, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCreary of West, and grandson of Mrs. R. L. Ellis and the late R. L. Ellis, and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. McCreary of West.



MARY JANE GAMMILL, daughter of Mrs. Mary Gammill and the late H. M. Gammill, has received a 19-year plan for perfect attendance at Sunday school at Calvary Church, Greenwood. In addition to many other church duties, she is church librarian. Louis Fancher is Sunday school superintendent at Calvary; Rev. Wilburn Matthews is pastor.



10-10 DAY AT CAMP GROUND — Persons Pictured above were winners in a recent attendance promotion called 10-10 Day at Camp Ground Church, Water Valley, Rev. David Poe, pastor. Sunday school and Training Union classes with an attendance of ten (or 75% of enrollment if class had less than ten enrolled), were declared winners.



PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS at New Hope Church, Lawrence County: **FRONT ROW:** Harold Griffith, 6 years; Margaret Griffith, 8 years; **BACK ROW:** Rev. Sam Waggoner, pastor; Kelly Thams, 7 years; Julius Nelson, chairman of deacons, 9 years; Dewey Nelson, superintendent of the Sunday school. Not shown, Miss Gerry Thams, and Mrs. Maggie Lou Wilson each 8 years.

MARS HILL DEACON DIES

George Walker, deacon at Mars Hill Church, Summit, died on December 9, 1967. Mr. Walker was a member of Mars Hill Church for 75 years; a member of the choir for 75 years; a Sunday school superintendent in various departments for 62 years; and an ordained deacon since May, 1905. His wife, Mrs. Bessie Godbold Walker, survives him.

The deacons of Mars Hill Church, Britte Hughey, chairman and Rev. W. A. Sullivan, pastor, have adopted resolutions of appreciation for the life of Mr. Walker, stating that "through his sincere concern for the spiritual well-being of his fellow man, he became a symbol of the highest type of Christian gentleman, both in his church and county" and that "he applied the principles of his Christian faith in all his personal, social, and business affairs."



DISNEY AWARD — **SOUTHERN BAPTISTS'** Radio and Television Commission and the Park Cities Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, presented the Distinguished Communications Award posthumously to the late Walt Disney, in a special memorial service in December. Pictured left to right, Dr. Herbert Howard, pastor, Park Cities Church; Ron Miller, Disney's son-in-law; and Dr. Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Commission, holding the award. Disney was cited for his "dedication to moral and spiritual standards in film production."

T. U. Mission Unit Available

NASHVILLE — The Training Union department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has made available an undat-

ed unit, "How to Establish a Mission" to train church members who will work in missions.

The unit is available in the "Adult Training Guide," a leader's periodical, for January-March, 1968. Order from BSSB.

CONFEREES POOL IDEAS FOR REACHING MASSES

More than 260 Latin-American evangelicals recently met in Huampani, Peru, to share ideas and methods for reaching the masses through publications, radio, television, and films.

The participants, representing more than 50 denominations in 19 nations, included Baptists from almost every nation of South and Central America, reports Rev. Melvin E. Torstrik, missionary to Chile.

The week-long conference included daily workshops, study groups which presented their findings and recommendations, and addresses on communications.

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., displayed many of its books, Sunday School quarterlies, and other publications. The most attention-attracting items in the Baptist display seemed to be a "Christian worker's" edition of the New Testament, with helps for personal evangelism, and an "abundant life" course for new converts, says Mr. Torstrik. It is esti-

mated that 70 percent of evangelical literature in Latin America is produced by Baptists, he adds.

Mr. Torstrik was especially impressed by the various types of radio spot announcements presented at the meeting, interesting 20-to-30 second spot films for TV which drive home a significant point, and new movies put out by various denominational groups.

A GRIM PREDICTION: The National Advisory Cancer Council has predicted that more than a million persons a year will be under treatment for cancer by 1975 and that the annual death toll will reach 325,000. Even these estimates will prove to be low, it said, unless the ever-increasing incidence of lung cancer is reduced. A rare disease 50 years ago, lung cancer is expected to cause 50,000 deaths in 1967 — 42,000 of them men — and most of them cigarette smokers.



FOREIGN MISSIONARY — Rev. Gerald Riddle, (left) a missionary to Chile, tells Blue Mountain College students about his work in the southernmost part of the world. Pointing out mission location is Joyce Shelton (second from left) of Urbana, Ill., to Vivian Wymer of Blue Mountain, Becky Henderson of Greer, S. C. and Rev. Robert Martin, pastor of Ripley, First Church.

Off The Record

Speechless — Jim: "What did Benjamin Franklin say when he discovered electricity in lightning?"

Tim: "Nothing. He was too shocked."

A father asked his three children what they had done to help their mother.

Said Bobby: "I washed the dishes."

Said Betty: "I wiped them."

Said little Mary: "I picked up the pieces."

A preacher found three little boys playing hooky from school. "Don't you want to go to heaven?" he admonished them.

"Yes," answered two of the boys in chorus but the third replied, "No, siree!"

"You mean you don't want to go to heaven when you die?"

"Oh, when I die!" exclaimed the lad. "Of course I do, when I die. I thought you were getting up a crowd to go now!"

The father of a 10-year-old boy looked at his pride and joy watching television with a bored expression on his face, then remarked, "When I was a boy your age, I walked miles in blizzards, milked four cows early each morning, and rode a horse instead of riding in a comfortable car. What do you think about that?"

The boy looked up at his father and remarked, "Gee, I wish we could have that kind of fun now."

Reading from the suggestion box, the boss said: "I wish employees would be specific. What kind of kite? What lake?"

Post Office Clerk: Madam, you put too much postage on the letter.

Lady: Heavens! I hope it doesn't go too far!

TEACHER (in physiology): Tom, how many ribs have you?

TOM: I don't know, ma'am. I am so awful-ticklish I never could count 'em.



THE NEW HOPE CHURCH in Lawrence County was recently dedicated in special ceremonies. All of the church property is now debt-free, and plans are being made to build a new parsonage. Members of the Building Committee include Dewey Nelson, Hollis Catt, Ford Thames, Tommy Neal and W. J. Nelson. Rev. Sam Waggoner is pastor.



MISS LI LI LIN, Pusan, Korea, freshman at Blue Mountain College, is the 1967-68 recipient of the Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000, and was awarded by Pilot International, the official sponsor for the Memorial Scholarship Fund. Miss Lin has been "adopted" for special care, visits, interest, and the furnishing of extra necessary materials for college, by members of the Corinth Pilot Club. As each student who receives a Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship does, Miss Lin has signed a contract to return to her native land to do mission work, following college and seminary training in the United States. She is the daughter of a Chinese pastor who has been serving for several years in Pusan. He and his wife are missionaries among the Chinese people of Korea. They are sponsored by the Baptist Convention of Taiwan.

Baptist Center Opened In Togo

Scissors flashed in the brown hand of a young African, cutting a ribbon across the entrance of a new two-story building in Lome, Togo, and signaling the formal opening of the Togo Baptist Mission Center on a recent Sunday.

The honor of cutting the ribbon went to Ferdinand Edjeu, who has been a faithful member of a Sunday evening Bible class since its beginning in January, 1967. Speakers for the dedication were Rev. J. O. Owolabi, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lome, and Rev. Billy L. Bullington and Rev. G. Clayton Bond, Southern Baptist missionaries. (Mr. Bond is a former Mississippian.)



Boothe **Buckley** **David F. Boothe**, Starkville, received the Master of Religious education and R. T. Buckley, Picayune, the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary during the annual winter commencement exercises, December 21.



CHERYL LEIGH PERKINS, at left, and Mary Lynn Perkins, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Perkins of Calhoun City, have received nine-year perfect attendance plans in the Sunday school at First Church, Calhoun City.

Beacon Street Adds Service For Children

Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, is now offering a new worship service for children. The new hour is designed to reach the needs of children and is aimed specifically at their level of understanding. The group will have their own ushers, music leaders, pianists, choir and preacher. The service is conducted in the chapel annex at 11:00 A. M. each Sunday. Attendance at either of the worship services is based upon the desires of the parents.

Rev. Jon Lorch, student at Clarke College, is serving temporarily as the preacher for the children's service. He is assisted by Jerry Jones of Philadelphia. A group of parents attend each service to assist and to observe. Rev. H. S. Rogers is pastor.

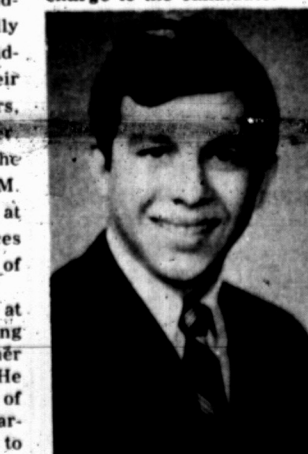
Women Forget Tribal Feud In Prayer

Each Nigerian Baptist woman who attended the annual Woman's Missionary Union conference at Ede in late October went home with the name of someone in the war-torn portion of her country for whom to pray.

No Nigerians from the nation's Eastern Region, which proclaimed its independence in May and has been the scene of fighting since July, or from the Midwestern Region, where fighting spread briefly, attended the conference. The WMU president, Mrs. E. Bamijoko, took the initiative in making known the plight of Nigerians in these two regions.

Is Ordained

RONNIE ESTES was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the McDowell Road Church, Jackson, at the request of Hillcrest, Laurel, where he is now associate pastor. A junior at Mississippi College, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estes, Sr., of Laurel. His brother, Rev. Cliff Estes, gave the charge to the church, and Rev. John Hilburn, McDowell Road pastor, issued the charge to the candidate.



Ronnie Estes



OFFICERS FOR 1968 have been elected for the State Alumni Association of Southwestern Seminary. From left: Rev. Charles Gentry, Clinton, president; Miss Evelyn George, Jackson, secretary-treasurer, and Alton Yarbrough, Jackson, vice-president.

NEW SALEM CALLS BARRETT

Rev. Ned T. Barrett has resigned as assistant pastor and minister of youth at Parkhill Church, Jackson, to accept the call as pastor of New Salem Church, McCall Creek, Franklin County.

He formerly served as pastor of East County Line Church, Attala County. He is married to the former Cornelia Massingill, of Louisville; they have two sons, Michael 9, and Jeff 7.

He is a senior at Mississippi College, and after graduation in May plans to attend New Orleans Seminary.



Rev. Ned Barrett

Judson Appoints Alumnae Director For Mississippi

The Judson College Alumnae Association announces the appointment of Mrs. Maury Whitfield of Corinth, the former Ann Jennings, as alumnae director for Mississippi. Mrs. Whitfield is a test counselor in dramatics and art for the Boy Scouts and secretary and social services director of Whitfield Nursing Home, Inc., in Corinth. She is superintendent of the Adult Department of the Sunday school at First Church, Corinth, and is active in civic, social, and religious work.



Ann Jennings Whitfield